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Ignorance, forgetfulness, and unethical practices are strange bedfellows, and yet, these human traits or failures have contributed in no small measure the world over, during the past 130-odd years, in producing an array of strange postal markings termed "UNPAID AND TAX" postal deficiency handstamps.

Jamaica has proven to be no exception to the general rule. As this former British Colony elected NOT to issue Postage Due adhesives, additional examples of postal deficiency "TAX" markings, particularly in the Air Mail field, can thus be expected in the years ahead.

To the late Mr. L. C. C. Nicholson goes the distinction of focusing attention on the UNPAID handstamps by including an account, with illustrations, of the then known "RETURNED FOR POSTAGE" and "TAX" types in the Postmark section of the "1928 JAMAICA HANDBOOK". The markings in question are to be found under Types D3, D5, and D9 in this study. In addition, the late Mr. Thomas Foster, in his book "THE POSTAL HISTORY OF JAMAICA 1662-1860", gave full cognizance to the first four UNPAID handstamps in Section 12 of his work. These four marks -- Numbers D1, D1a, D2, and D3 -- were used during the pre-adhesive era, and they are again listed in this study with updated data. Subsequent research, including reviews by Mr. Foster, has revealed major additional information, and we thus hope in the ensuing pages to portray a comprehensive listing of all these interesting Jamaican handstamps.

Prior to 1858, the prepayment of postage---both Inland and Overseas mails---was OPTIONAL, and it was usually the recipient who was called upon to assume the charges. The limited PREPAID INLAND MAILS were, for obvious reasons, so marked in m/s on the obverse of the items involved. The only exception was in Overseas mails for Foreign destinations despatched by Packet Service via London. Failure to prepay in full the Imperial postage involved to London resulted in the retention of all such mail pending receipt of the postal deficiency. (See Type D2.)

The year 1858 brought a number of innovations in the Jamaica Postal Service, including the introduction of Great Britain Postal Issues---the first postal adhesives used in the Colony.

February 1st, 1858, saw the issuance of regulations requiring all letters originating in the Colony for Overseas to be PREPAID. Unfortunately, the prepayment of mails for Great Britain and the Colonies was never actively enforced, this notwithstanding that prepayment was encouraged by the levying of a system of "FINES", which in turn became known as "POSTAGE DUES", at which time the recipient was required to pay the deficient postage, PLUS a fine comprising the full postage involved.

In November of 1858 a penalty of 4d per letter was assessed by Treasury Warrant on all INLAND MAIL NOT PREPAID in cash or in postage stamps; this penalty was in addition to the normal rate.

All "PAID LETTERS" bore either or both the Post Town and Kingston PAID markings. In the case of a PAID LETTER originating from a Post Town, or received from sources from outside the Island, it was the practice to use a "JAMAICA/PAID" date stamp--Types PD2, PD3, PD5, or PD5a. If, however, the letter was posted in Kingston, it received a strike of the "KINGSTON/PAID" dater Types PD4, PD6, or PD6a. This system simplified internal accounting and enabled the Kingston GPO to maintain a check on the number of paid letters mailed at the various post towns, or posted at the GPO itself.

With the advent of the "FINE" or "POSTAGE DUE" system, it became necessary to mark the amount to be collected on the obverse of the items involved -- usually in m/s in coloured ink or crayon. In later years handstruck "TAX" markings were introduced for the same purpose.

Units of deficient postage were by UPU agreement assessed in n GOLD CENTIMES a unit established as a world-wide range of exchange---five Gold Centimes being considered equal to ½d. (one-half pence) Sterling. However, due to currency fluctuations, it is necessary for the UPU to periodically review the Tax Structure and make whatever changes deemed essential to maintain a suitable exchange rate. Particulars of such changes are reviewed later.

As regards Jamaican underpaid International items (other than the woodblocks), all such items were, and in fact still are, handstamped with the required TAX AMOUNT markings at the Kingston GPO.

One word of caution: Care should be taken not to confuse m/s "POSTAGE DUE" markings with normal m/s rate inscriptions on early letters which had NOT been prepaid, nor should early letters with "TO PAY" handstamps be considered an "UNPAID" marking. The "TO PAY" handstamps were merely utilized to speed up the marking of the normal postage rate on certain letters prior to the year 1860. In all such cases the "TO PAY" handstamp indicated the normal correct postage to be collected.

TABLE OF RARITY

A rarity factor is shown here where considered advisable. The majority of the "TAX" and "UNPAID" markings, even the modern items, are seldom used and are therefore difficult to assess. Members are urged to communicate with the writer on the subject, and also with regard to items not recorded.

Unique		U
Very Rare	Up to 4 or 5 known to exist. (A digit is added where the number is known.)	VR
Rare		R
Scarce		S
Uncommon		UN
Normal		N
Common		C
Very Common		VC
Current		C

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THE "UNPAID" MARKINGS

TYPE "D 1".

MORE-TO-PAY

An unframed single straight line marking 47 mm in length, with hyphenated worded oblique 5 1/2 mm serif capitals. Known in both black and red inks. Despatched to Jamaica SE? 28 1843.

EKD red ink 5 JAN 1844 VR

EKD black ink 19 JULY 1859 VR

LKD black ink 26 DEC 1859

TYPE "D 1a"

MORE TO PAY

A similar unframed single straight line handstamp with same wording "MORE TO PAY" - NOT hyphenated. 45 mm in length, 4 1/2 mm oblique serif caps. Known in red ink only and usually found on letters bearing adhesives.

Red ink 8 JAN 1844 1867 R

TYPE "D 2".

*N^o
Detained for Postage*

An unframed double straight line brass handstamp with legend "No / Detained for Postage" in upper and lower oblique case fancy script lettering 2 mm – 5 1/2 mm in height with overall measurement of 45 x 11 mm. The abbreviated "No" for "Number" placed at left to allow for insertion of a m/s number by a P.O. official. Despatched to Jamaica 26 AUG 1845.

Black ink 30 JAN 1852 U

The only example recorded is on a part paid letter from New York to Vera Cruz, Mexico, via New Orleans and Jamaica. The letter bears various American and British marks, including K7a Kingston mark of 30 JAN and Kingston Paid PD5a of FEB 12, both 1852.

TYPE "D 3"

*RETURNED
For
POSTAGE*

A triple straight line brass handstamp with legend

RETURNED

For

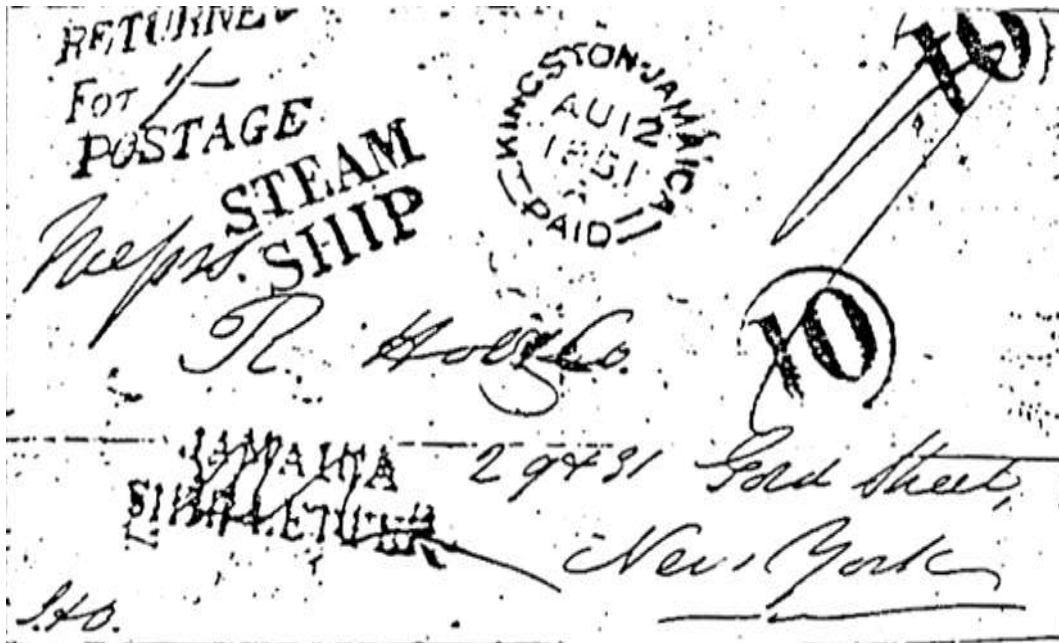
POSTAGE

in 4 1/2 mm oblique serif capitals, except the word "For", which is in antique letters and placed at the left of marking to allow for the insertion in m/s of the amount of postage outstanding.

Despatched to Jamaica AUG 26 1845, it is always in red ink.

red ink 6 AUG 1851 VR

Such markings can be found on letters bearing unofficially bisected postage stamps which had been returned to the sender for the correct postage. A pre-adhesive example follows:



Letter posted at Kingston on 6 AUG 1851 for transmission by private ship to New York and accordingly handstamped with Ship Letter SL5.

Subsequent to the arrival of the mail packet at Kingston, the letter was handstamped with Type D3 mark and returned to sender (as per P.O. regulations) for the 1/- packet postage required to transmit it to the USA via the British Post Office at St. Thomas, DWI. After reposting at the GPO on 12 AUG Type SL5 was crossed out and the Paid dater D6 was applied to show that all the British postage had been paid. It arrived at St. Thomas on AUG 19 and was forwarded to New York by US Mail Contract Steamer. Upon arrival it was handstamped "STEAM/SHIP" and "10" (cents), the contract charge paid by the recipient.

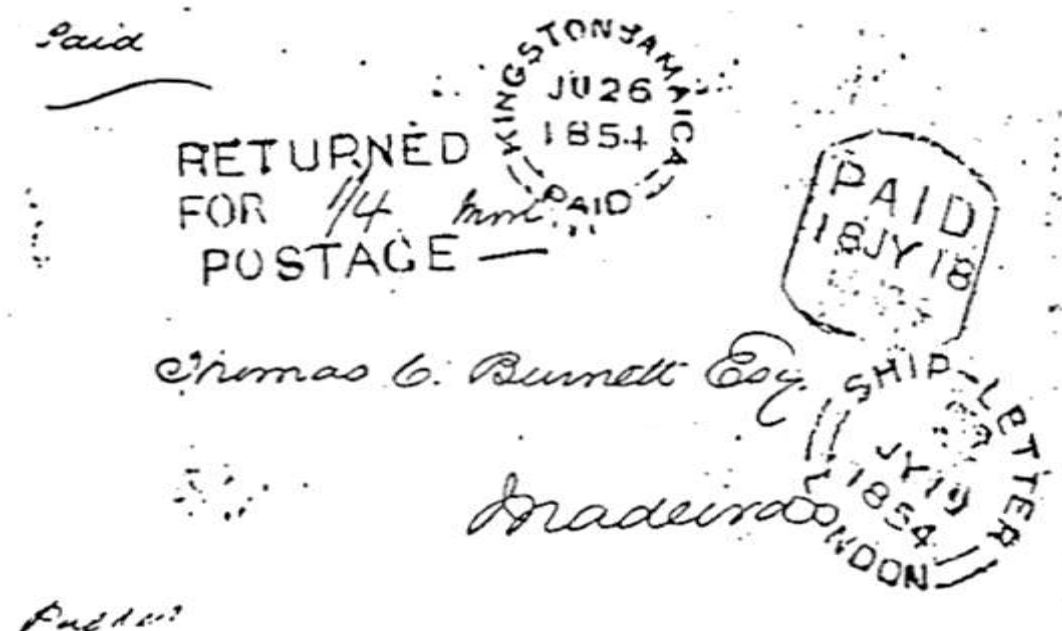
TYPE "D 3a"

RETURNED
FOR
POSTAGE

A similar unframed triple straight line handstamp with same legend
RETURNED
FOR
POSTAGE

The lettering is in 4 mm sans serif capitals with overall measurements 35 x 17 mm. Only one example is known, struck on a letter from a Kingston merchant to Madeira on JUN 20 1854 in red ink. See following illustration.

Red ink 20 JUN 1854



Letter was underpaid and was returned to sender for 1/4 "more" postage. Paid JUN 26 1854 and covering mark PD6a applied; item going forward on month-end Packet same date, arriving London JLY 18, 1854, and Tombstone PAID 18 JY 18 affixed. Circular SHIP-LETTER/LONDON added following day. There are no Madeira markings.S

TYPE "D 3b".

A double straight line marking enclosed within a single rectangular frame line 32 x 8½ mm. Similar wording

"RETURNED FOR/POSTAGE"

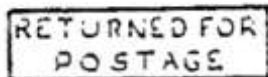
but differently arranged without space for m/s insertion.

Date of despatch to Jamaica unknown, but it was necessarily prior to 1907, as the only example recorded is on a part cover addressed to the late Mr. Astley Clerk and bears his notation

"used during and after the 1907 earthquake".

Reports of that era would indicate that no special arrangements were needed during the earthquake emergency, nevertheless it is apparent that some individuals attempted to pass unfranked items through the post. The absence of a space for m/s insertion would indicate that the handstamp was intended to be used differently. It should be acted that Mr. Clark's various notes of little known philatelic matters and postal markings have proven to be both accurate and informative.

Black ink Circa JAN 1907 U



TYPE "D 3c"

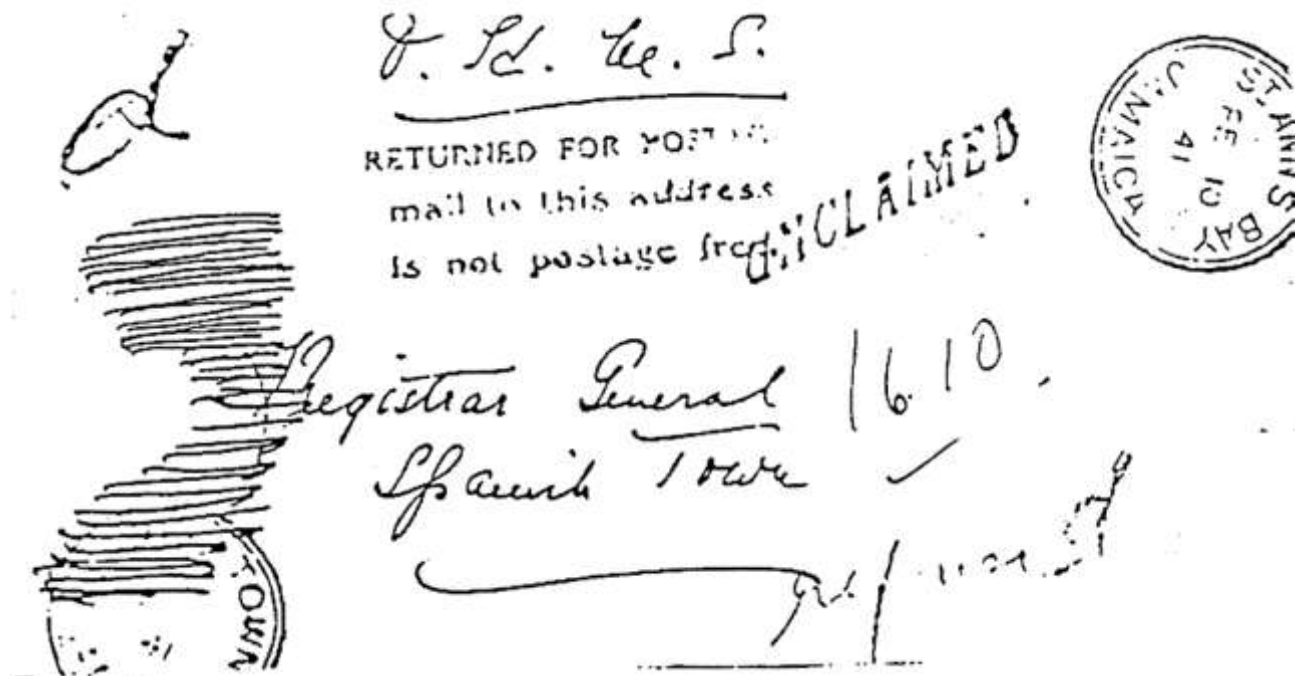
An unframed triple straight line handstamp with serif lettering. Top line is 2¾ mm serif caps, and lower two lines 2 mm serif letters.

RETURNED FOR POSTAGE
mail to this address
is not postage free.

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The only recorded example is struck on an O.H.M.S. cover from St. Ann's Bay, addressed to the Registrar General, Spanish Town as illustrated following.

Violet ink 10 FEB 1941 U



The m/s figure "3" at left is in blue crayon crossed out with red ink. The reverse bears a Spanish Town. receiving double ring of FE 11 41.

TYPE "D4"

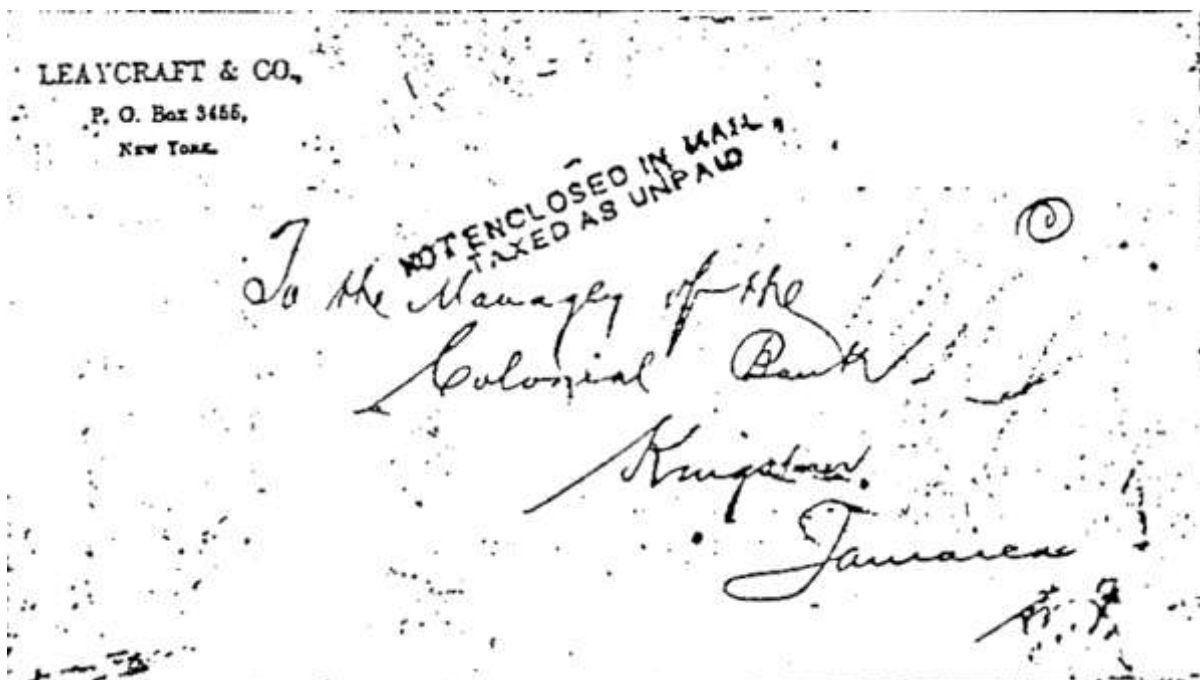
A double straight line unframed handstamp in 2½ mm sans serif capitals

NOT ENCLOSED IN MAIL,
TAXED AS UNPAID

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TAXED AS UNPAID

Only one example is recorded (in black ink). See following illustration.

Black ink 12 JA 1888 U



Cover with a New York corner card addressed to Kingston, Jamaica. Handstamped on the reverse with Kingston squared circle (three arcs) of JA 12 1888. Apparently carried by courier to Kingston.

SINGULAR TRIANGULAR "T" FOR "TAX" MARKINGS

These markings were the first attempts made by the Postal Authorities to utilize a standard handstamp indicating a postal deficiency at the point of mailing. They were always accompanied by the "CHARGE" expressed either in m/s or by an "AMOUNT DUE" handstamp applied at the GPO, Kingston.

They were, in all probability, made from steel or brass and possibly issued to all the larger post offices, similar to the Oval "R" handstamps indicating "REGISTRATION". Only the major types are listed, but there are minor differences to be found in each type, which would tend to bear out this theory.

Type "D 5"

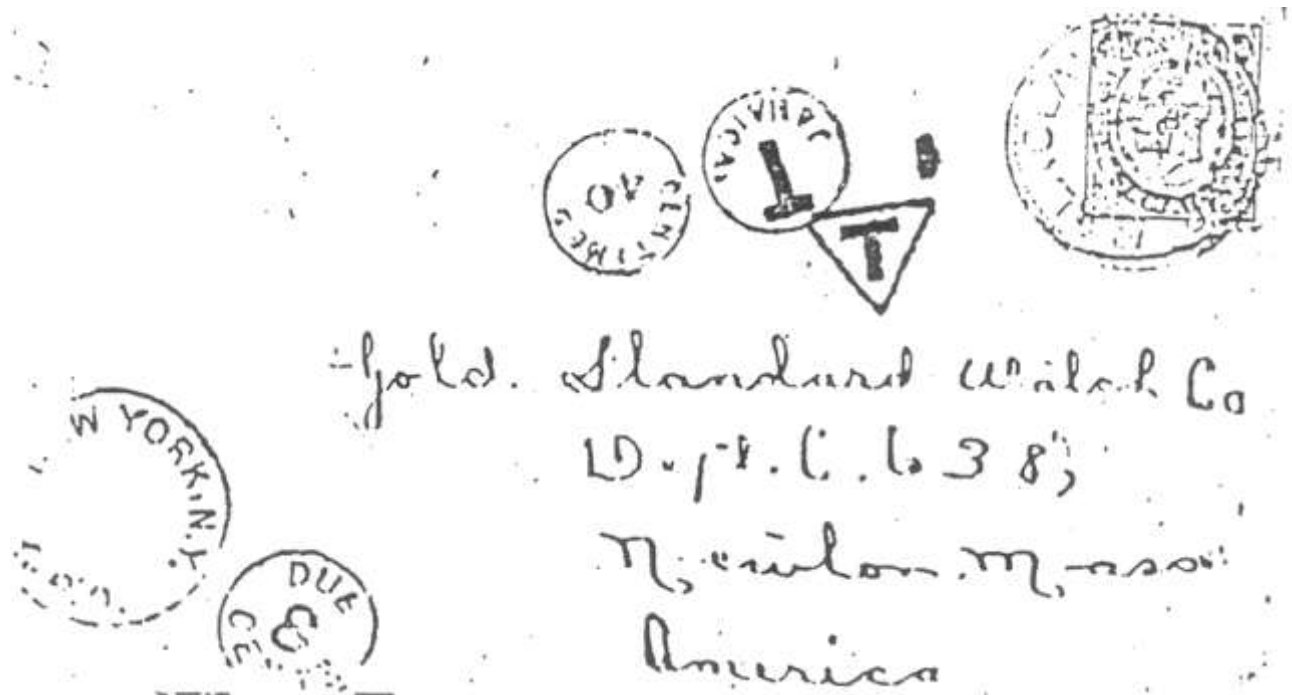


A handstamp composed of a sans serif capital "T" enclosed within a single triangular frame with sides each measuring 14 mm.

The letter "T" is 6½ mm in height and several dies have been recorded, all in black ink.

Black ink 13 MAR 1879 14 OCT 1939 N

In use about 60 years and apparently issued to offices other than the GPO, Kingston, as several items are known despatched from post towns with slight variations in the die. Reported used in conjunction with Types D7, D7a, D9, D9a, and D9b, but usually with the "AMOUNT DUE" expressed in m/s.



Commercial cover, BalACLava, Jamaica, to Newton, Massachusetts, USA, 17 OCT 1936, franked with King George V 1d. definitive tied with BalACLava double ring in black ink. Postage underpaid and Tax Marking Type D5 applied, BalACLava also in black ink. Subsequently upon arrival Kingston the Duplex Mark D9a in violet ink was added.

TYPE "D 5a" .



Black 1897

A similar handstamp to Type D5 but in a larger format. The heavily seriffed letter "T" is 10½ mm in height with much thicker components, and the triangular frame has sides of 17 mm. Known in both black and blue inks.

Black ink 25 APR 1897 20 APR 1912 S

Blue (Kgn) 16 JULY 1903 15 JUN 1904 R

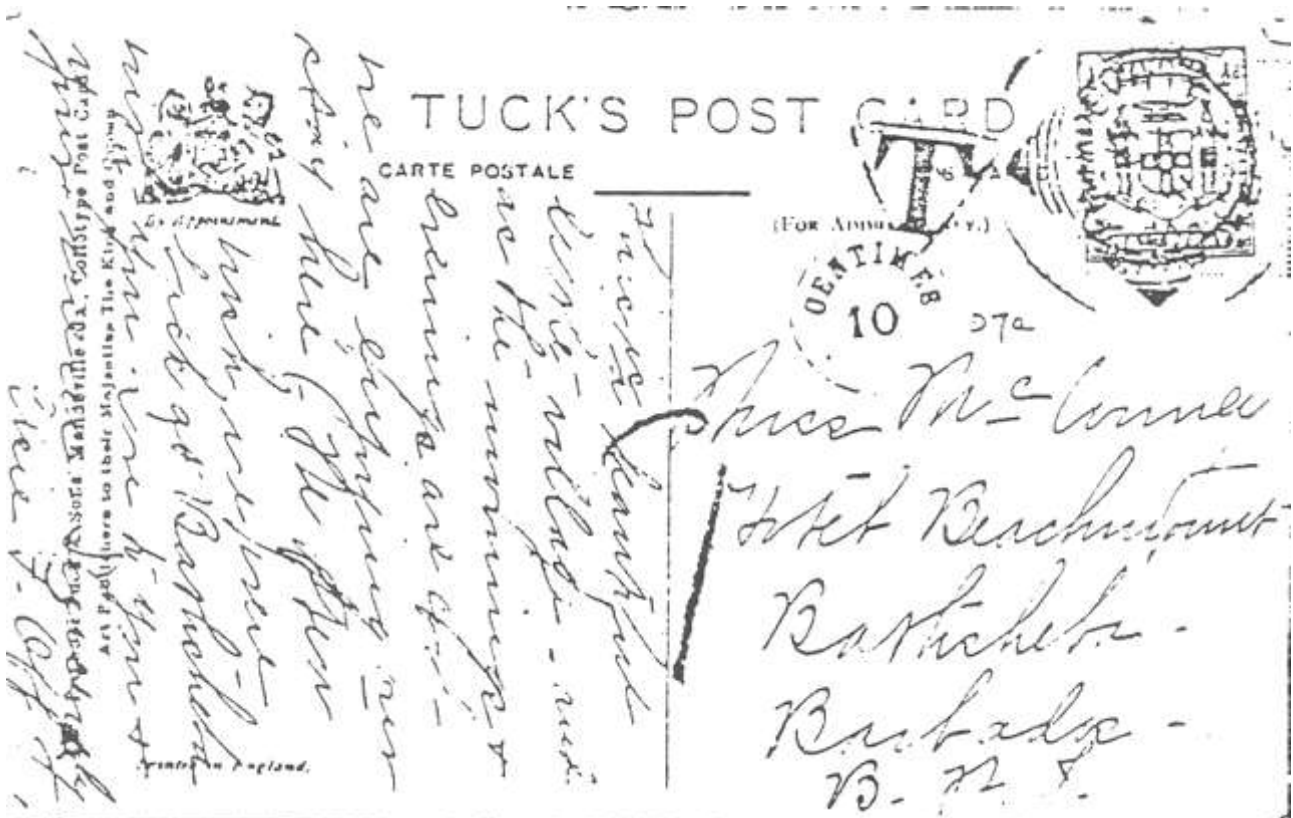


Blue 1903



Black 1911

Usually accompanied by the "AMOUNT DUE" expressed in m/s, although many examples, mainly from the post towns, have been recorded used in conjunction with Type 7a, which type was applied at Kingston. Several dies exist, and it was probably supplied to the larger post offices the same as Type D5. See following example.



Local view postcard from Mandeville to Bathsheba, Barbados, SEP 4 '911, franked with ½ d. green Arms issue tied with Mandeville squared circle mark in black. Postcard rate to BWI destinations 1d. and as a deficiency of ½ d. tax due mark D5a applied and amount due 1d in m/s blue crayon. added. Upon arrival at Kingston GPO, Tax amount due 10 centimes Type D7a applied in violet ink. Type D5a is in black ink, similar to the Mandeville squared circle, indicating that both were applied at that P.O.

SINGLE CIRCULAR "T" FOR "TAX" MARKINGS

The year 1905 brought a major change in the design of the "TAX" markings from the unusual Single "T" Triangular handstamps to modern Circular versions with the letter "T" enclosed therein. Used in the same manner as the Triangular types, the Circular marks are always accompanied by the "AMOUNT DUE" expressed either in m/s or by a handstamp Types D6-D6e inclusive, and D7a.

TYPE "D 6"



A handstamp comprised of a single CIRCLE with a diameter of about 16 mm with a serif capital letter "T" enclosed therein. The letter "T" is 10 mm in height, with long points to the serifs from the cross bar, and a 6 mm base to the letter. Always in black ink.

Black ink 20 DEC 1905 ? MAY 1910 VR

This type was used at the Kingston GPO and Up Park Camp.

TYPE "D 6a"



A similar handstamp comprised of a heavily seriffed capital letter "T" about 11 mm in height, enclosed within a single circle with a diameter of 18 mm. Black ink.

Black ink 13 JULY 1909 9 MAY 1916 UN

This type can be found in conjunction with Type D7a or a m/s "AMOUNT DUE" and also with "AMOUNT DUE" handstamps of the Foreign Branch of the London GPO. Several dies appear to exist, and it was in all probability used by many of the Post Towns in addition to the Kingston GPO.

TYPE "D 6b"



Very similar to the previous types of this class. The single circle has a diameter of 20 mm and the seriffed capital letter "T" is 12 mm in height, with a very thick base line. Black ink.

Black ink 25 OCT 1912 5 FEB 1919 VR

Noted on a letter from Post Town Maggotty to the USA, accompanied by Type D7a. Apparently a variation of this classification and may only have been in usage at this one office.

TYPE "D 6c"



Similar in design to the previous type. A heavily seriffed 12 mm letter "T" enclosed in a 19½ mm diameter single circle. The stem and cross bar of the "T" are about 2½ mm thick, with the cross bar increasing gradually to the points. Black ink.

Black ink 20 APR 1924 13 JUN 1929 S

This handstamp appears to have been roughly made, and may possibly be a "woodblock". Known used on letters from several post towns including Seaforth, Spanish Town, and Colonel's Ridge.

TYPE "D 6d".



A rubber handstamp comprising a single circle 18 mm in diameter. Enclosed therein is a 11 mm seriffed capital letter "T" about 2½ mm thick, also the Colony name "JAMAICA" curved below in 2½ mm serif capitals ending with a period. Violet ink.

Violet ink ? ? 1918 U

The only copy recorded is on a cover from Annotto Bay accompanied by a separated D7a "AMOUNT DUE" mark. The cover is addressed to Sir Claude and Lady Mallet, British Legation, Panama, was damaged in transit, and the Panama P.O. damage seal which was affixed practically obscures the Annotto Bay double-ring dater.

TYPE "D 6e".



A rubber handstamp somewhat similar to the previous Type D6d. The single circle has a diameter of 18½ mm, with a 7 mm capital letter "T" enclosed near top center, also the Colony name "JAMAICA" curved below in 2 mm serif caps. Violet ink.

Violet ink 30 APR 1929 U

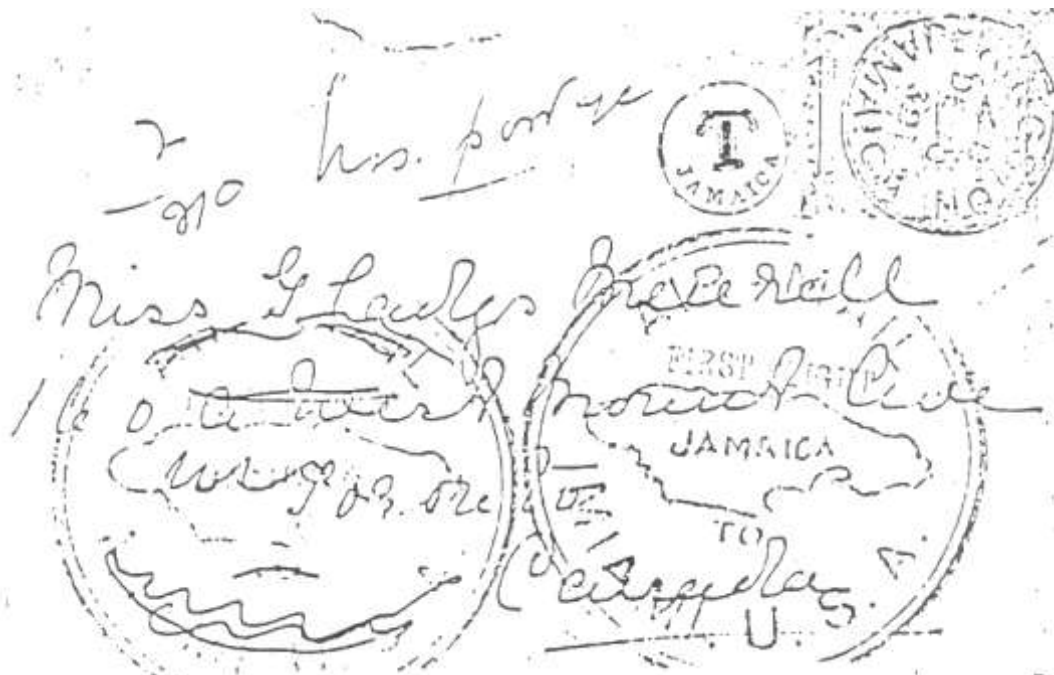
Reported on cover from Kingston, accompanied by a m/s Amount Due, but confirmation is lacking.

TYPE "D 6f".



A rubber handstamp of similar format resembling the left hand circle of Duplex Type D9b. Diameter of the single circle is 16½ mm and the fancy capital letter "T" is about 7½ mm in height with an outlined periphery. Violet ink.

Violet ink 10 DEC 1930



The only example recorded is struck on a cover from Kingston to Toronto, Canada, DEC 10 1930 (First Flight, Jamaica to Miami, USA. There is no evidence of an Amount Due marking.

TYPE "D 6g..



A rubber 21 mm single circle handstamp with a slender serif 6½ mm capital letter "T" enclosed therein near the top, also Colony name "JAMAICA" curved around the base in 2½ mm. serif caps. Violet ink. Only one copy as yet reported. See illustration following.

Violet ink 27 JULY 1949 U



Domestic cover from HALF-WAY-TREE to UCKFIELD, SUSSEX, ENGLAND, 27 JULY 1949, franked with King George VI 1½ d. brown definitive tied with Half-Way Tree double ring in black ink. Postage was underpaid and Circular "T" tax marking D6g was applied in violet ink.

SINGLE CIRCULAR DUE" MARKINGS

These handstamps were always struck on underpaid letters to indicate the amount of postage due, to be collected from the recipient. They were all applied at the Kingston GPO, and are usually found accompanied by the warning "T" TAX markings listed in the two previous classifications.

TYPE "D 7".



A handstamp comprised of a fancy "4d" about 16 mm in height, enclosed within a 23 mm single circle. The ink is black.

Black ink 20 Nov 1889 U

The only example recorded is reported to have been applied to an underpaid letter from Jamaica to England, accompanied by a single triangular D5 tax mark. Confirmation outstanding.

TYPE "D 7a"



A rubber handstamp resembling the right-hand portion of a duplex tax marking. It consists of a single circle about 18 mm in diameter, with the word "CENTIMES" curved inside the top in 2 mm serif capitals, and the AMOUNT DUE placed below in the center expressed in serif arabic figures 3¼ mm in height. Three values are known and others may exist. Always in violet ink.

10 CENTIMES Violet ink 1910 20 APR 1912 R
30 CENTIMES Violet ink ? MAY 1910 ? ? 1918 S
40 CENTIMES Violet ink 30 APR 1910 VR

This was the first of the GOLD CENTIMES handstamps and it was always accompanied by a "T" warning mark Types D5, D5a, D6, D6a, or D6b. (Further details of the Gold Centimes handstamps will be found in succeeding instalments.)

"WOODBLOCK. POSTAGE DUE" MARKINGS.

To conform with UPU regulations covering underpaid INTERNATIONAL MAIL received in the island bearing "GOLD CENTIME" charges applied by other Postal Administrations, and also to enable the Jamaica Postal Personnel to correctly determine the STERLING postage due, the Jamaica Post Office was obliged to convert the GOLD CENTIME charges to STERLING and to inscribe the resultant amounts on the items involved.

Apparently the Kingston GPO and several of the major Post Town Offices were not satisfied with the m/s conversions, and they resorted to the use of roughly made LOCAL WOODEN BLACK FIGURES, referred to as "WOODBLOCKS" (somewhat similar to the nineteenth century Great Britain handstruck Postage Due Stamps). It was furthermore considered that the handstamp figures would command more attention.

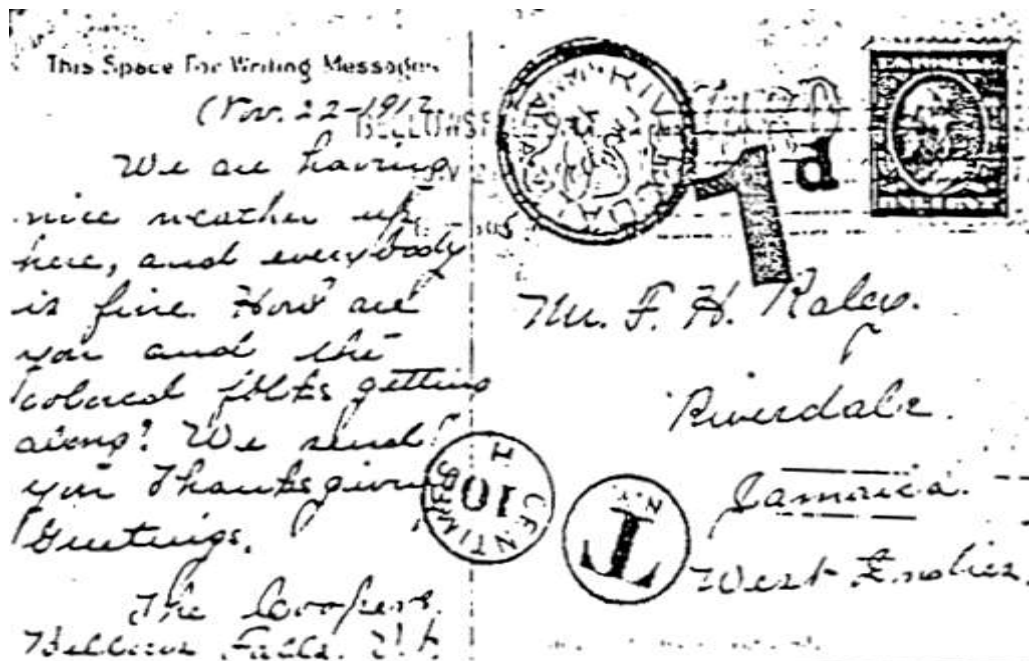
Subsequently, their use was extended to also include UNDERPAID ISLAND MAILS. Four values (1d. to 4d.) have been recorded in a variety of shapes and sizes. All are in violet ink.

TYPE "D 8".



A figure "1" about 18½ mm in height with a "d" pence sign without the full point. Only one copy recorded, applied at Riversdale on a postcard from the United States.

1d violet 29 NOV 1912 VR



Local view postcard from Bellows Falls, Vermont, U.S.A., to Riversdale, November 22, 1912, franked with 1c Franklin green definitive, tied with Bellows Falls six-straight line machine mark. Postage underpaid and 10 CENTIMES duplex marking was applied at New York. Card received at Riversdale NOV 29 1912, and handstamped with that Post Town 27 mm double ring in black, and 1d. violet Postage Due Woodblock. (Xerox copy of postcard is slightly reduced in size.)

TYPE "D 8a".



Figure "1" with a height of 17½ mm, without "d" pence sign or full point. Known used at Kingston on Inland letters from Montego Bay and Sandy Bay to Kingston.

1 violet 1 FEB 1916 6 OCT 1916 VR

TYPE "D 8b".



A figure "1d" with "d" pence sign but no full point. The Figure "1" is 20 mm high. Known used at Kingston on letter from Black River.

1d violet 5 MAR 1927 U

TYPE "D 8c"



A figure "1" with a height of 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ mm, with no "d" pence sign or full point. Portion of the holder shows at the right. Known used on a letter from the UK to Harry Hatch at which Post Town woodblock was applied.

1 violet 22 NOV 1940 U



Block figure "1" 18 mm high, with "d" pence sign and full point. Only one copy is known, on letter from Tacoma, Washington, U.S.A. to Rhode Island, re-directed to Montego Bay where postage due figure was applied.

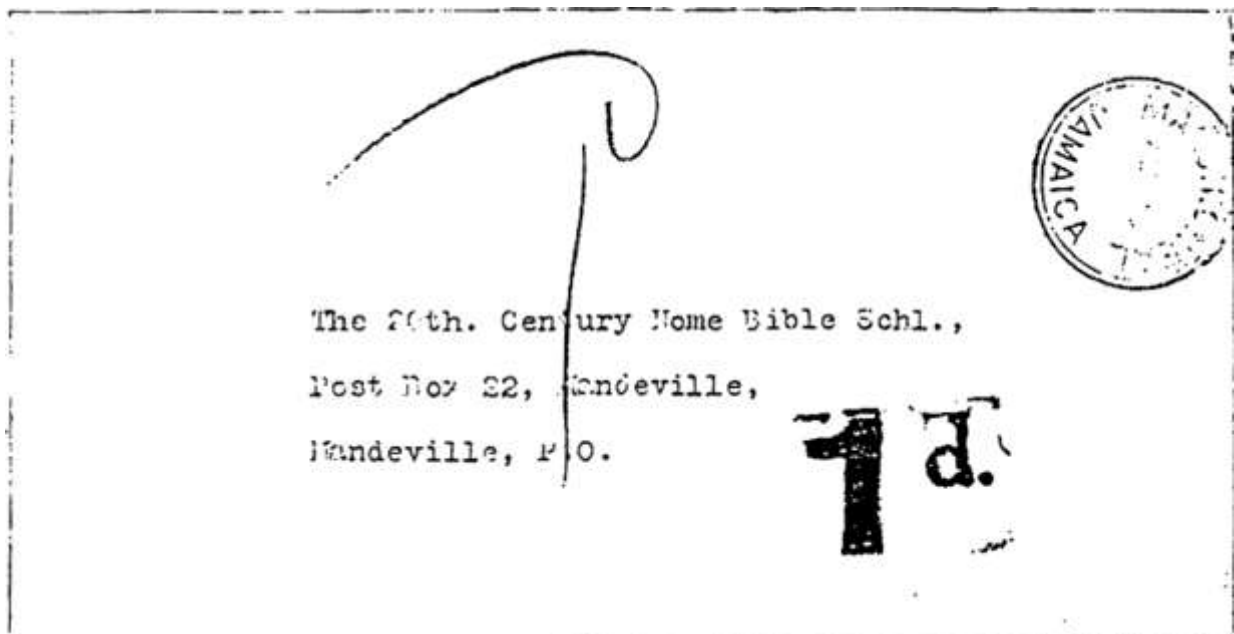
1d. violet 12 MAR 1951 U

TYPE "D 8e".



A figure "1" 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm high with "d" pence sign and full point. Two copies reported: one with traces of holder showing, the other without. Both were applied at Mandeville or. inland letters from Kingston and Manchioneal.

1d. violet 10 AUG 7 6 AUG 1945 VR (2)



Inland unsealed cover, Manchioneal to Mandeville, AUG 10 ?, with no postage affixed. Handstamped with Manchioneal 29 mm double ring (1935-1953), backstamped with Mandeville receiving 30 mm double ring (1935-1955), dated AUG 13 ?. Year plug missing in both strikes (probably was 1943-1945). Unsealed Inland rate 1/2 d. for first 2 ounces. Postage due 1d in m/s blue crayon applied at Manchioneal, and 1d. WOODBLOCK D8e in violet ink at Mandeville.

TYPE "D 8f".



A figure "2" with height of 18 mm, also "d" pence sign but without full point. Only one copy yet reported, on Inland letter from Bath to Kingston where marking was added.

2d violet 2 SEP 1926 T

TYPE "D 8g".



Block figure "2" of 16½ mm, with upper case "D" sign but no full point. Six copies are known, 11 applied at Kingston on letters from London, England; Illinois, U.S.A.; and Montego Bay to the Island's capital. All portray a portion of an octagonal holder.

2d violet 16 JAN 1936 21 AUG 1939 R (6)

TYPE "D 8h".



Figure "2" used at Mandeville with height of 18 mm, also "d" pence sign and full point. Only one copy is recorded, on a letter from Danvers Pen to Mandeville. Cover bears a m/s "2" in blue crayon, apparently applied at Danvers Pen.

2d. violet 11 AUG 1945

TYPE "D 8j".



A figure "2" 18 mm in height with "d" pence sign but no full point. Only one copy is known applied at Montego Bay on letter from Providence, U.S.A. to Montego Bay. Portion of holder shows below the "d" pence sign.

2d violet 16 APR 1951 U

TYPE "D 8k".



A figure "3" approximately 19 mm in height, with a "d" pence sign without a full point. Known used at Kingston on letters from Boston and Brooklyn, U.S.A. to Jamaica's capital. Violet ink.

3d violet 2 OCT 1911 13 DEC 1919 R (5)



Letter from Brooklyn, U.S.A., to Kingston, DEC 4 1919, franked with Washington 2¢ red definitive tied with Brooklyn six-wavy bar marking. Letter underpaid and NY duplex 30 centimes tax mark applied. Upon arrival at Kingston, 3d Woodblock Type D8k added to enable the appropriate Sterling charge to be collected. The cover reverse bears Kingston eight-straight line machine mark of DEC 13 1919. This was the first machine marking used on the Island.

TYPE "D 8m"



A figure "3" about 21 mm in height with a "d" pence sign but no full point. Known used on letters from New York to Kingston.

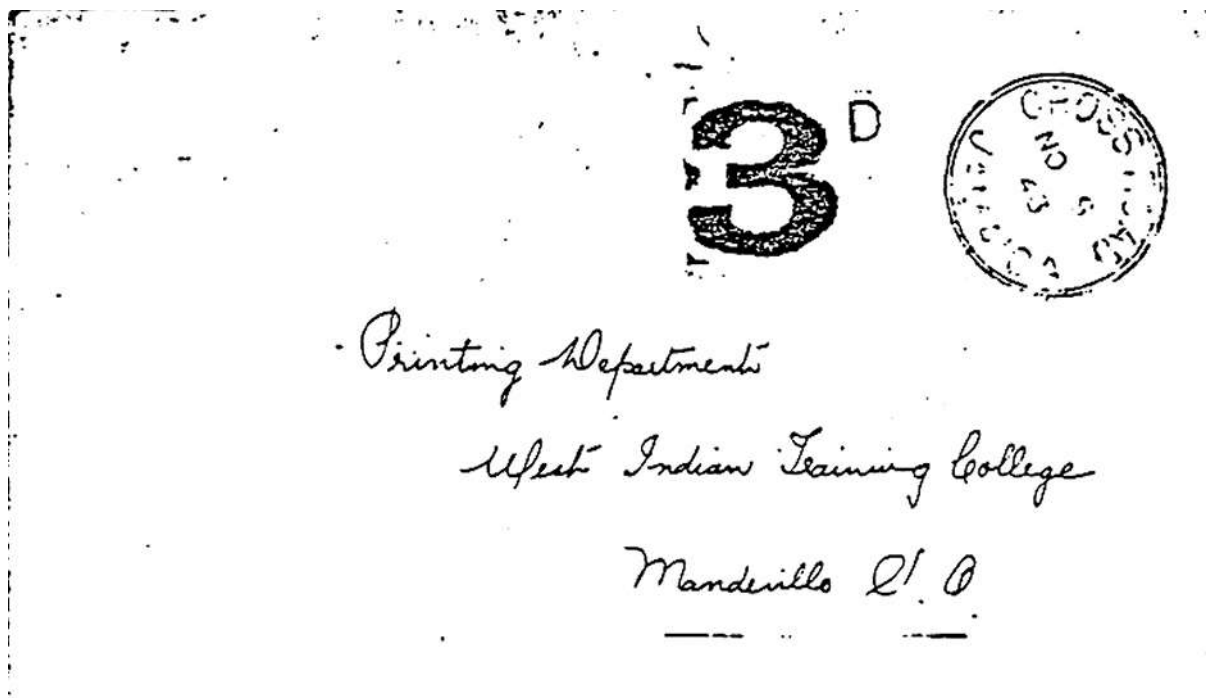
3d violet 24 AUG 1921 4 SEP 1921 VR (2)

TYPE "D 8n".



A figure "3" about 19 mm in height with an upper case "D" pence sign without the full point. Recorded used on letter from Cross Roads to Mandeville where the woodblock was applied.

3D violet 9 NOV 1943 30 MAY 1944 VR (2)



Inland cover, Cross Roads to Mandeville, mailed without postage affixed, NOV 9 1943. 3d. Woodblock Type D8n, violet ink, applied; also Cross Roads double ring. Cover arrived at Mandeville NOV 11 1943. Reverse bears a black Mandeville double ring of that date in black ink.

TYPE "D 8p"



A figure "3" ½ mm high with "d" pence sign, also full point. Known used at Kingston on letter from Hyndman, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

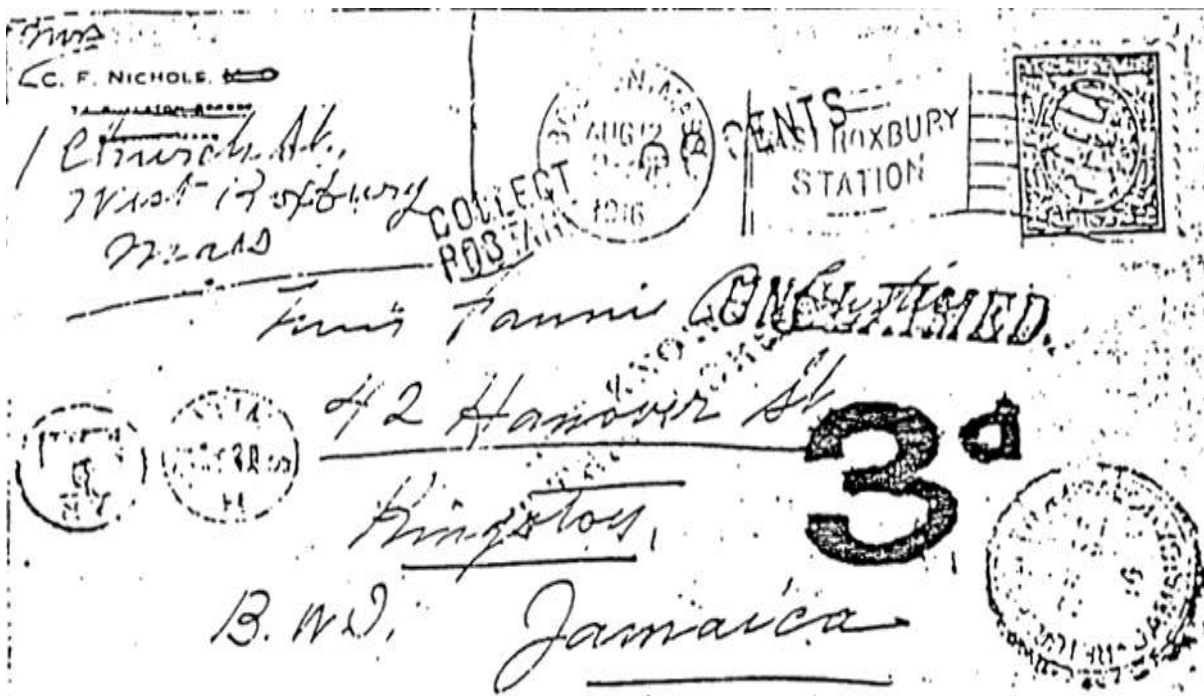
3d. violet 14 APR 1932 U

TYPE "D 8q"



Also a figure "3" approximately 21 mm in height, with a "d" pence sign without a full point. Recorded used on letters from the U.S.A. to the Island's capital.

3d violet 12 AUG 1916 to 1920 R (4)



Domestic unclaimed cover from Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. to Kingston, AUG 12 1916, franked with U.S.A 2¢ Washington definitive tied with Boston slogan six-Wavy bar cancel. Postage underpaid and New York duplex 30 Centimes mark applied; also upon arrival a Kingston woodblock 3d. Type D8q was added. Letter UNCLAIMED and Special Mark M44 applied to cover, and same RETURNED TO LETTER BRANCH marking M43 also added.

TYPE "D 8r".



A figure "4" recorded applied at Kingston on an Inland letter. Height of figure is 24 mm, with a "d" pence sign without full point.

4d violet 22 JAN ? U

TYPE "D 8s"



A figure "4" with height of 1T mm, applied at Montego Bay. Only one copy recorded, with both "d" pence and full point, on letter from Mexico. U

The "WOODBLOCK POSTAGE DUE" markings became obsolete coincident with the Island's coinage change to decimalization in September of 1969.

"DUPLEX TAX" MARKINGS.

The DUPLEX TAX markings were issued in accordance with UPU regulations and were primarily for use on underpaid mail FOR OVERSEAS. As these handstamps were applied to mail that had already been postmarked and inspected, it was thus not necessary to include the date in their makeup.

With one exception, they were composed of two circles or tandem marks, not necessarily of the same dimensions, known as the LEFT-HAND and RIGHT-HAND circles. The lone exception is Type D9k, which was comprised of two double rings.

The left-hand circle, again with the one exception, contained the TAX capital letter "T" at the top and curved below around the lower arc of the circle was the Colony name "JAMAICA". Type D9k was again the exception, with the Colony name "JAMAICA" curved inside around the top arc instead of around the bottom arc, with the TAX "T" in the center below.

The right-hand circle or double ring was composed of the word "CENTIMES" curved inside around the top, and the AMOUNT DUE figures in the center below.

TYPE "D 9".



A duplex rubber handstamp comprised of two single circles, each 17½ mm in diameter. In the left-hand circle is a large thick seriffed capital letter "T" about 10 mm in height, and curved below the Colony name "JAMAICA" in small 2 mm serif caps, concluding with a period.

In the right-hand circle is the word "CENTIMES", curved inside the top in 2 mm serif caps, and below in the center is the amount due in 3½ mm serif Arabic figures.

Four values have been recorded, and others may exist. All are in violet ink.

10 CENTIMES	violet 11 JUN 1914	22 SEP 1919	S
20 CENTIMES	violet 9 MAY 1916	4 JAN 1920	N
30 CENTIMES	violet 15 FEB 1913	18 MAY 1918	N
40 CENTIMES	violet 2 SEP 1914	26 MAY 1915	UN

TYPE "D 9a".



Similar in format to Type D9 but with circles about 16½ mm in diameter.

Left-hand circle: The capital letter "T" is sans serif, about 9 mm in height; the Colony name "JAMAICA" below is in 2 mm serif caps, concluding with a full point.

Right-hand circle: The word "CENTIMES" is in 2 mm serif caps curved around the top, and the "AMOUNT DUE" below is in the center in 3½ mm serif figures. Four values are known to exist.

10 CENTIMES	violet 18 OCT 1923	8 MAY 1929	C.
20 CENTIMES	violet 14 OCT 1927	4 OCT 1929	UN
30 CENTIMES	violet 16 AUG 1926	15 JAN 1928	UN
40 CENTIMES	violet 17 OCT 1936	VR	

TYPE "D 9b"

Similar format with both circles about 17 mm in diameter.

Left-hand circle: The capital "T" is 7 to 7½ mm high with an outlined periphery. The Colony name curved below is in 1¾ mm serif caps with full point.

Right-hand circle: Word "CENTIMES" curved around the top, also in 1¾ mm serif caps; the AMOUNT DUE, is in the center below in 2½ mm serif figures.

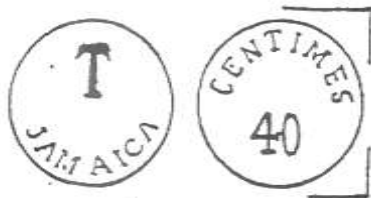


Two dies have been recorded and three values are known. The 10 and 20 Centimes in both violet and black inks, and the 30 Centimes in violet only.

10 CENTIMES	violet 9 AUG 1929 23 DEC 1939 UN
20 CENTIMES	violet 13 JUL 1929 23 FEB 1934 UN
30 CENTIMES	violet 1 JUL 1929 16 MAR 1939 C
10 CENTIMES	black 19 OCT 1939 2 DEC 1939 R
20 CENTIMES	black 16 JUN 1933 VR

TYPE "D 9c"

Same format with two 21 mm diameter circles. Three values have been reported including 40 CENTIMES with some strikes showing a portion of the handstamp's rectangular holder.



LEFT-HAND Circle - The capital "T" is serif, about 6 mm high; Colony name "JAMAICA" is curved below in 2½ mm serif caps minus the full point. RIGHT-HAND Circle - The word "CENTIMES" curved around the top in 2½ mm serif caps; Amount due is in low center below in 6 mm serif figures.

10 CENTIMES	violet 1 APR 1946
40 CENTIMES	violet 22 JAN 1949
60 CENTIMES	violet 21 JAN 1947

The Pound Sterling was devalued on 18 September 1949, resulting in a corresponding increase in the value of the GOLD CENTIME and a new UPU exchange ratio, namely:

4 GOLD CENTIMES to be equal to ½d. STERLING.

7 GOLD CENTIMES to be equal to 1d. STERLING.

All existing duplex handstamps thus became obsolete, and new duplex markings soon appeared

TYPE E "D 9d"

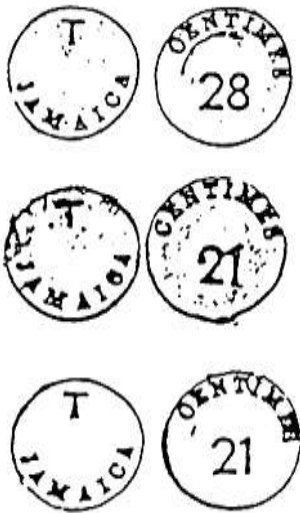
A provisional handstamp having the same format but with circles of different sizes. It was apparently an unused duplex marking expressed in the old currency with the value only partly obliterated. Violet ink; only two values known.



LEFT-HAND Circle - 19 mm in diameter with sans serif 3½ mm capital "T"; Colony name "JAMAICA" curved below in 2¼ mm serif caps. RIGHT-HAND Circle - 21 mm diameter with word "CENTIMES" in 2½ mm serif caps, and the amount due in indistinct figures about 8 mm with either figure "4" or "7" superimposed.

4 CENTIMES	violet 8 MAY 1951	? APR 1959
7 CENTIMES	violet 29 JUL 1959	? NOV 1960

TYPE "D 9e"



Similar format with circles of 20 and 21 mm diameter. Several dies recorder with total of nine values; spacing between circles varies from 1¼ mm to 3 mm.

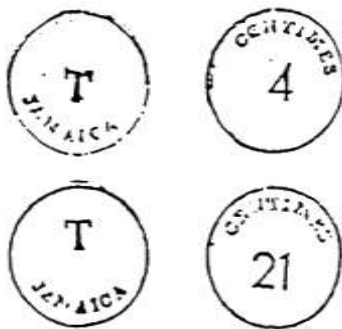
LEFT-HAND Circle - The capital letter "T" is sans serif with height of 3 1/2 mm; Colony name below is in 2¼ mm serif caps.

RIGHT-HAND Circle - Word "CENTIMES" is in ¼ mm serif caps with amount due below in ½ mm sans serif figures. At times an are appears below the word "CENTIMES". Always in violet ink.

4 CENTIMES	violet 4 MAY 1951	? APR 1959
7 CENTIMES	violet 1 MAY 1957	5 APR 1962
14 CENTIMES	violet 14 DEC 1953	13 JUN 1961
21 CENTIMES	violet ? MAR 1953	24 FEB 1962
28 CENTIMES	violet 7 FEB 1960	27 MAY 1963
35 CENTIMES	violet 16 DEC 1960	
42 CENTIMES	violet 13 JUN 1960	28 SEP 1965
63 CENTIMES	violet 2 JUN 1954	
70 CENTIMES	violet 12 OCT 1955	

Included is a 42 CENTIMES item changed in manuscript to read 21 CENTIMES; the 63 CENTIMES marking was used on an underpaid second class air mail letter to England, and it also bears the only known Type DA 7 handstamp reading
"SECOND CLASS AIR MAIL/MUST NOT BE SEALED"

TYPE "D 9f".



Similar in format - 21 mm circles 9 mm apart. Two dies reported, all in violet ink.

LEFT-HAND Circle - has serif capital letter "T" about 5 mm in height, situated close to center with Colony name "JAMAICA" curved below in 2 mm serif caps.

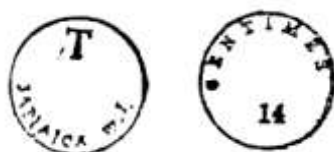
RIGHT-HAND Circle - Word "CENTIMES" curved around the top in 2 mm serif caps, and amount due in sans serif figures about 5½ mm high.

Only three values reported:

4 CENTIMES	violet 28 APR 1963	25 AUG 1965
21 CENTIMES	violet 7 JAN 1965	26 APR 1965

Also, an 11 CENTIMES value has been reported 26 APR 1965, changed in manuscript to 21 CENTIMES.

TYPE "D 9g".

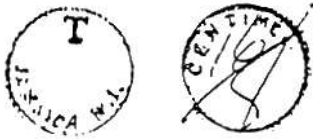


Similar in format to the previous duplex types with both circles 21½ mm in diameter and 9 mm apart. Only two values are known, both in violet ink. LEFT-HAND Circle has a serif capital letter "T"

4½ mm in height; Colony name "JAMAICA W.I." is curved around the bottom in 2 mm serif caps. RIGHT-HAND Circle - The word "CENTIMES" is in 2 mm serif caps curved around the top, with amount due below near bottom in 3 mm serif figures.

11 CENTIMES	violet 15 FEB 1960	
14 CENTIMES	violet 29 OCT 1957	8 MAR 1963

TYPE "D 9h".



Similar in format to previous Type D9g except that the amount due figures in Right-Hand Circle are omitted and instead are inserted in manuscript, apparently at the time the item is presented at the P.O. for mailing. Two 19½ mm diameter circles 8 mm apart.

LEFT-HAND Circle has a 4 mm serif cap letter "T" near the top, with "JAMAICA W.I." in 2 mm serif caps curved inside around the bottom.

RIGHT-HAND Circle - The word "CENTIMES" is curved around the top in 2 mm serif caps with the manuscript figure amount due below, always in red ink. Two values recorded, in violet ink.

3 MAY 1971 to 7 SEP 1971.

TYPE "D 9j"



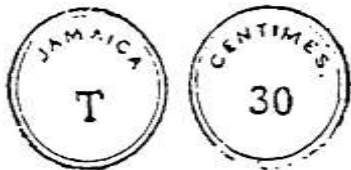
Similar to Type D9h except that the two circles are 21½ mm in diameter and 9 mm apart.

LEFT-HAND Circle - Serif cap letter "T" is 4 ½ mm high; "JAMAICA W.I." at bottom in 2 mm serif caps. RIGHT-HAND Circle - "CENTIMES" around top in 2 mm serif caps. Balance of space is blank, allowing for insertion of amount due fraction in red ink manuscript below.

Two dies are known; violet ink, with a considerable number of strikes showing a partly obliterated object indicating that this was previously a Type D9g handstamp.

Violet ink 3 MAR 1971 2 FEB 1972

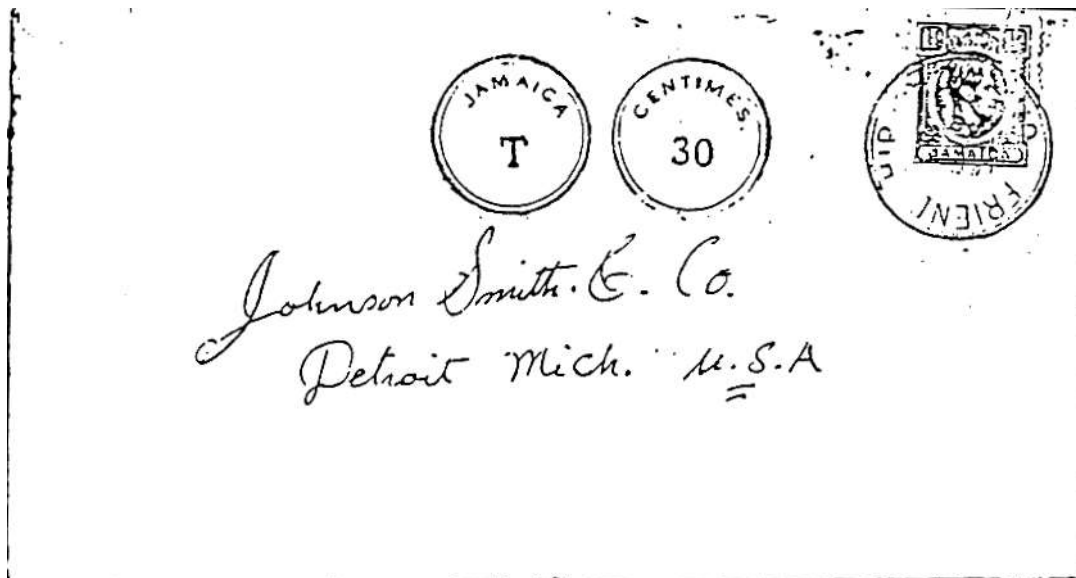
TYPE "D 9k".



A somewhat different duplex handstamp has been recorded consisting of two 25 mm double rings instead of the customary two single circles. The double rings are positioned 3 mm apart and are in violet ink. LEFT-HAND Double Ring - Colony name "JAMAICA" curved inside around the top instead of at the bottom, in 2 mm sans serif caps, with a 5 mm serif capital letter "T" in the center below.

RIGHT-HAND Double Ring - The word "CENTIMES" in 2 mm sans serif caps is curved inside around the top, with the amount due in center below in 4½ mm serif figures. Only one copy known.

Violet ink 5 JUN 1948 U

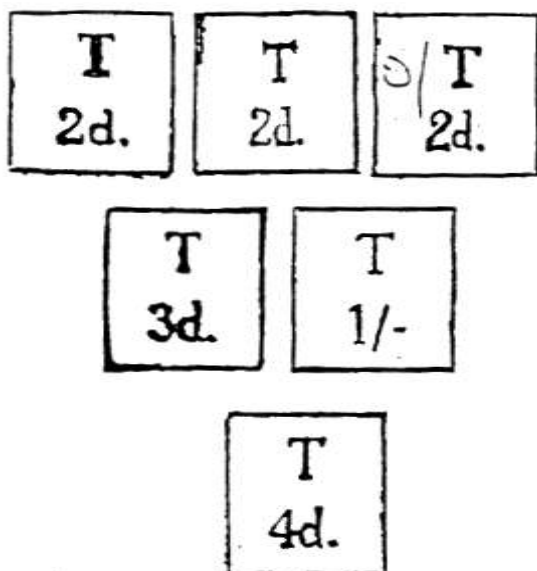


Domestic overseas cover from Friendship to Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A., 5 JUN 1948, franked with a 1½ d. King George VI definitive, tied with Friendship double ring. Postage underpaid and duplex mark D9k applied in violet.

"SQUARE FRAMED POSTAGE DUE

Another type of Surface Mail Postage Due marking emerged from the GPO, Kingston, about the middle 1950's. This was in the form of a square frame enclosing the familiar TAX capital letter "T" positioned near the top, and a Sterling figure below denoting the AMOUNT DUE. Originally issued for use on UNDERPAID INLAND MAIL their usage was extended in 1964 to also include OVERSEAS UNDERPAID ITEMS.

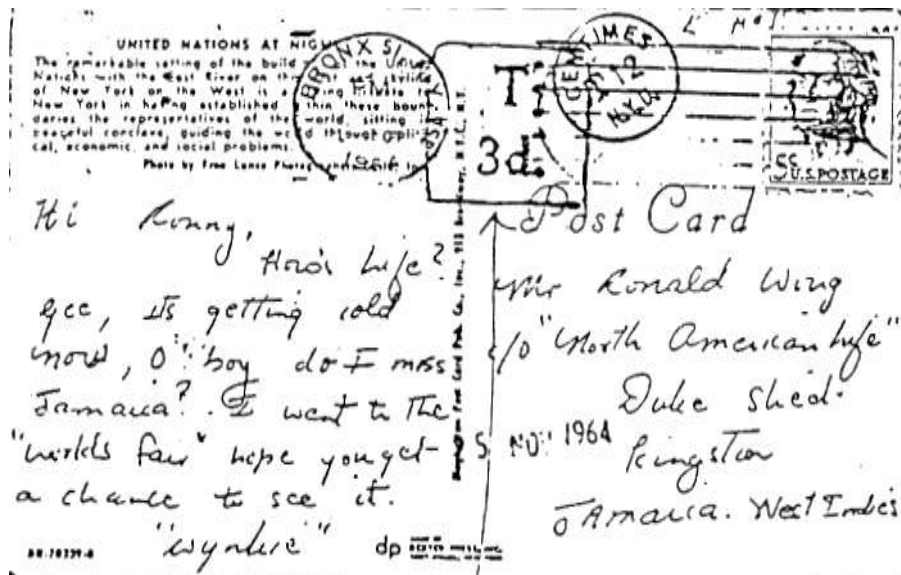
TYPE "D 10"



A rubber handstamp comprised of a 25 mm single lined square with a serif capital letter "T" 6 to 6½ mm in height situated near the top, with the AMOUNT DUE below in 6 mm serif figures. Known in both violet and black inks, six values have been recorded in at least four different dies:

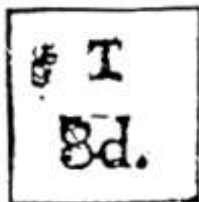
1d. violet	28 APR 1963	R
1d black	23 AUG 1965	R
2d. violet	21 FEB 1955 20 FEB 1965	R
2d black	8 JUN 1955	VR
3d. violet	25 NOV 1964 ? JAN 1966	R
7d. violet	31 AUG 1966	VR
8d. violet	13 JAN 1965	VR
1/- violet	? NOV 1953	VR

Courtesy strikes of the 4d. are also known These markings were rendered obsolete coincident with the change to decimalization in September 1969.



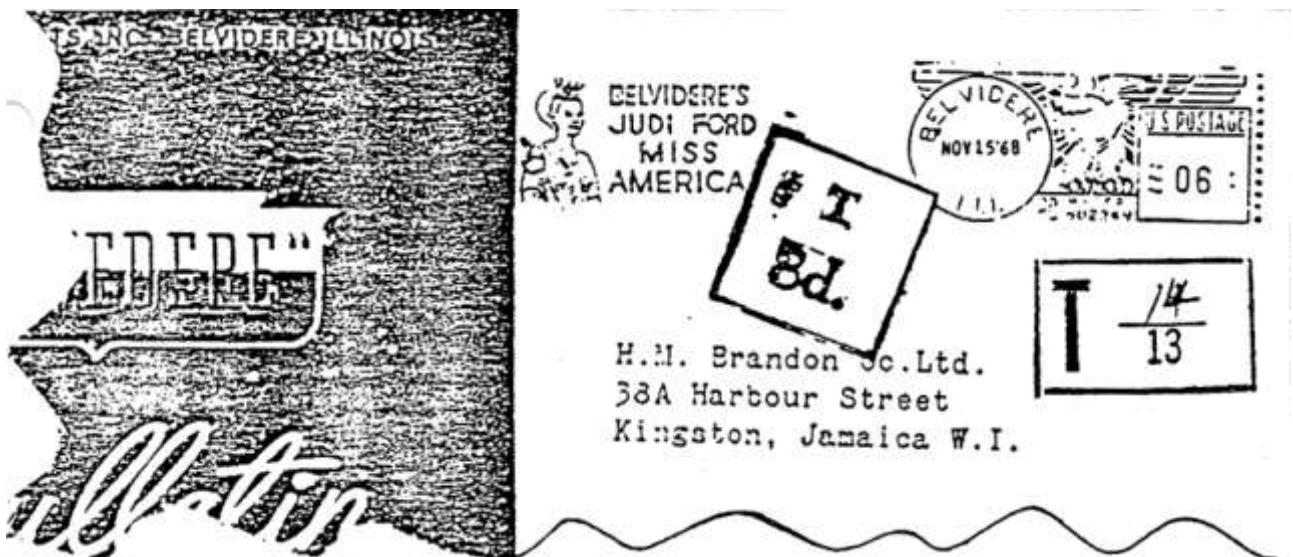
Domestic postcard from the Bronx, NY, USA, to Kingston, 25 NOV 1964, franked with a Washington 5c definitive. Postage underpaid and USA 12 CENTIMES single-ring Tax mark was applied before forwarding. Jamaica Square Framed 3d. Amount Due added upon arrival at Kingston

TYPE "D 10a"



A rubber handstamp with a similar 25 mm single lined square enclosing a serif capital letter "T" only 5 mm in height, and AMOUNT DUE serif figure below 6½ mm high. Only one example as yet recorded, in violet ink.

8d. violet 15 NOV 1968 VR



Commercial surface mail cover from Illinois, USA, to Kingston, Jamaica, on 15 NOV 1968, franked with a USA slogan meter with U postage. Letter short paid, and a USA rectangular T 14/13 mark in black ink was applied. Jamaica mark D10a applied in violet upon arrival in Kingston.

"SQUARE FRAMED FRACTIONAL" POSTAGE DUE MARKINGS

TYPE "D 11".



Similar in format to Type D10 EXCEPT that the AMOUNT DUE figure is discarded. A single lined square 25 mm frame handstamp with only a serif capital "T" 6½ mm high enclosed therein at top center. Space below is blank to allow for insertion of a manuscript fractional postage due mark in red ink or crayon. Some of the items recorded show a partially obliterated object, indicating that at least some of the Type D10 handstamps were so used. This system enabled the handstamps to be used for all postage due amounts. Seven values have been reported, known in both violet and black inks.

Violet ink 21 JAN 1969 30 JUN 1973

Black ink 19 JUN 1969 8 JUL ??

All items reported were air mails short postage, and relegated to surface mail.

"SINGLE CIRCLE FRACTIONAL" MARKINGS

TYPE "D 12".



A handstamp comprised of a single 22 mm circle with a 6½ mm serif capital letter "T" enclosed therein at top left, thus allowing adequate blank space for the insertion in manuscript of a fractional POSTAGE DUE. Violet ink. Three values have been reported in either blue or black ink.

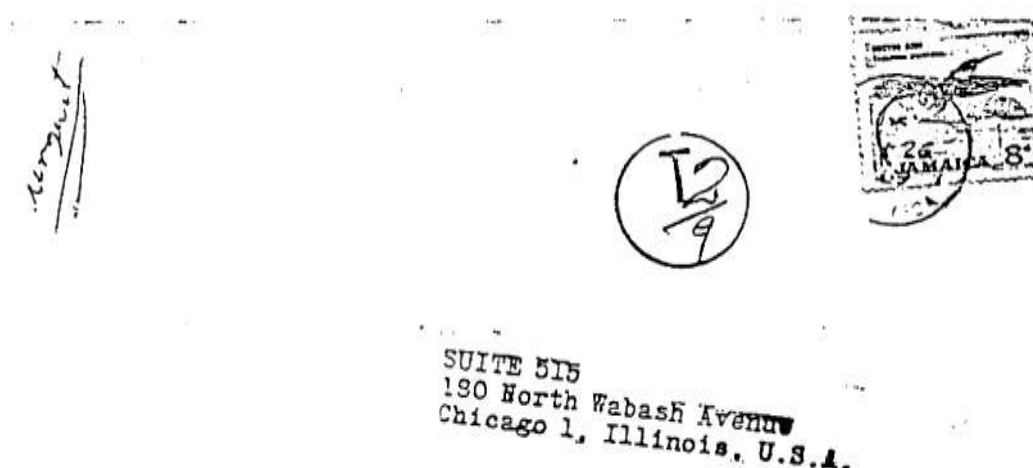
Violet 16 MAY 1966 30 OCT 1967

TYPE "D 12a".



A handstamp with similar format to Type D12; a single-lined 21 mm circle with an 8½ mm sans serif capital letter "T" enclosed, positioned at top center. Violet ink. Only two copies recorded.

Violet 11 SEP 1968 26 ?Y 1969



Surface mail cover from Denbigh, Jamaica, to Chicago, USA, 26 ?Y 1969, franked with 8d. Doctor Bird definitive. Tied with Denbigh 1968 Modern Single-Ring. Surface mail rate to USA 9d. first ounce, or short 1c postage. Upon arrival at Kingston, a fractional marking D12a was applied, with "2" as numerator (double the deficiency) and "9" as the denominator (regular surface mail rate). No USA markings applied.

THE UPU AND FRACTIONAL POSTAGE DUE CHARGES

The FRACTIONAL POSTAGE DUE charges authorized by the UPU on January 1st, 1966, proved to be successful, but the rampant world inflation in the 1970's made a further change inevitable when the UPU next convened at Lausanne in 1974. The method employed, however, was somewhat of a surprise in that the Congress decreed, effective January 1st, 1976:

ONLY A SINGLE AMOUNT OF UNDERPAYMENT, instead of the current DOUBLE THE DEFICIENCY was to be used as the numerator of the fraction with the same BASIC REGULAR FOREIGN RATE of the origin country as the denominator. This fraction is still to be multiplied by the BASIC FOREIGN RATE of the DELIVERY COUNTRY, PLUS THE ADDED LEVY OF 60 GOLD CENTIMES OR THE EQUIVALENT FIXED CHARGE of the latter country. This added rider proved to be the determining factor; i.e., the USA fixed charge is 20c and the Great Britain fixed charge 1 pence.

1976 T	SINGLE DEFICIENCY	multiplied	THE BASIC FOREIGN RATE
		by	OF THE DELIVERY COUNTRY
	REGULAR FOREIGN RATE		PLUS - 60 GOLD CENTIMES
	OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN		OR THE EQUIVALENT FIXED CHARGE

TYPE "D 12b".

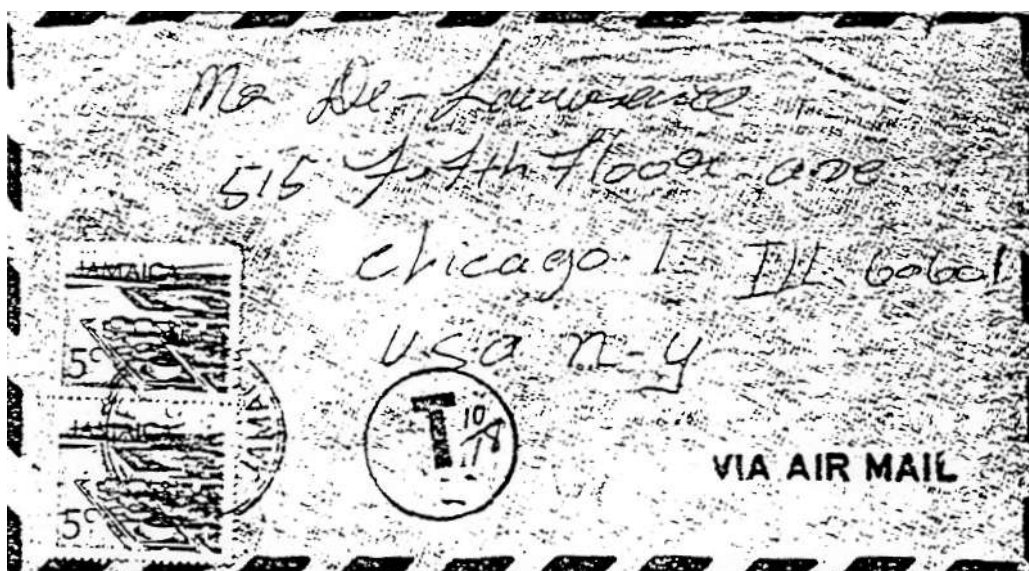


A single-lined 24 mm circle with a sans serif capital letter "T" enclosed therein near the top center. The "T" is about 11 mm in height and 2½ mm thick, allowing for the insertion in manuscript of the fractional postage due. The mark is known in violet, reddish-violet, and black ink, while the m/s fraction is inscribed in red ink. Known used for both air and surface mail underpaid items.

Reddish-violet 23 NOV 1973

Violet 25 FEB 1974 14 DEC 1978

Black 12 APR 1977



Air mail cover, Spanish Town to Chicago, USA, May 10th, 1976, franked with a pair of 5c Oil Refinery Issue, tied with Spanish Town double-ring. Air mail rate to USA increased from 10c to 20c per half ounce on 1 May 1975, therefore postage is 10c underpaid. Postage Due Mark D12b was applied at Kingston, with single deficiency 10c as numerator, but aerogramme rate of 18c used as denominator. There are no USA markings and nothing to indicate whether the item was forwarded by air or surface mail.

"SECOND CLASS MAIL ..." & "INSUFFICIENTLY PAID FOR TRANSMISSION"

TYPE "D 13" Second Class Mail/Must Not be Sealed"

An unframed two-straight-line rubber handstamp with legend -

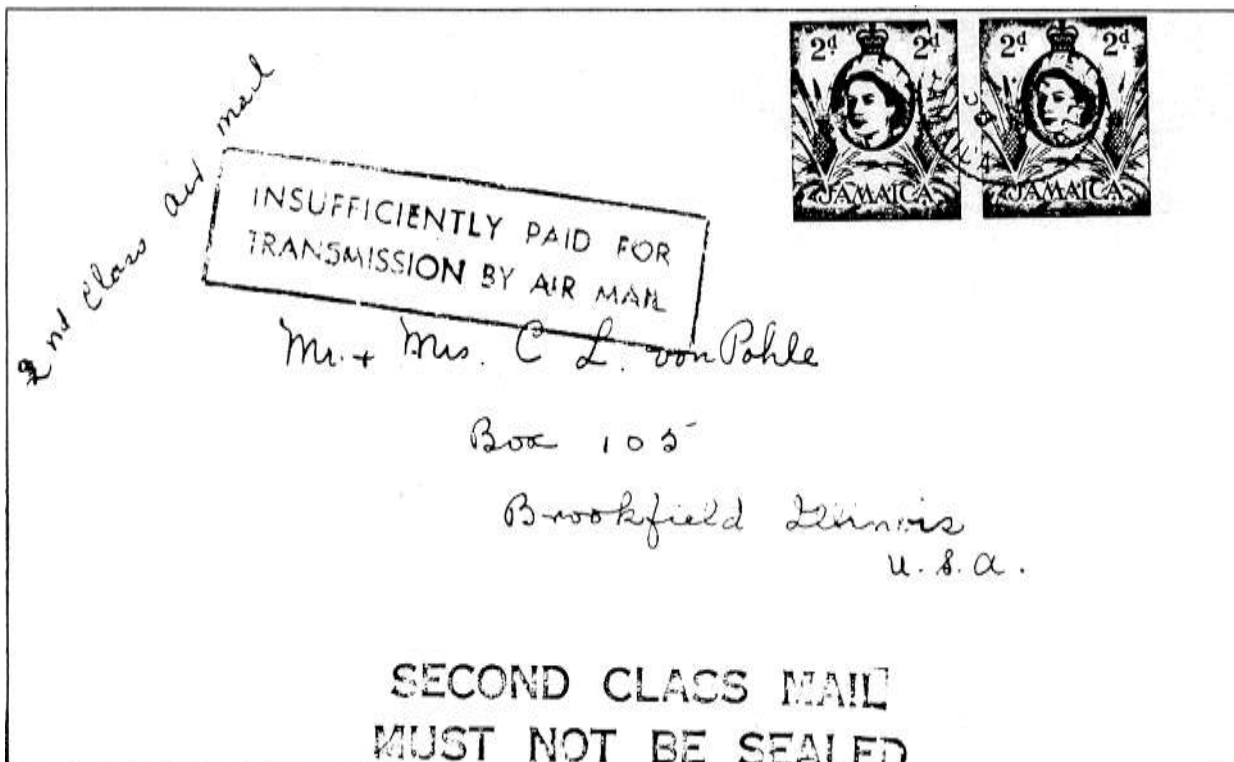
SECOND CLASS MAIL
MUST NOT BE SEALED

SECOND CLASS MAIL
MUST NOT BE SEALED

in 4½ mm sans serif caps.

Violet ink 28 DEC 1956 14 APR 1971
UN.

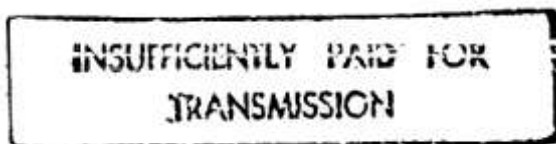
Known used from Mandeville and Nutfield to USA.



Second Class sealed air mail cover, Mandeville to Brookfield, Illinois, DEC 28 1956, franked with pair of Queen Elizabeth 2d. red definitives tied with Mandeville MSR postmark. Cover dispatched via surface mail account sealed and insufficient postage affixed for regular air mail (rate 8d. per half-ounce), and markings D13 and DA8a applied.

TYPE "D 14" "Insufficiently Paid for Transmission"

A rubber handstamp with legend reading:
INSUFFICIENTLY PAID FOR
TRANSMISSION



in two straight lines enclosed within a single line rectangle 73 mm by 17 mm. Words double spaced; sans serif 3½ mm caps. Known in both violet and reddish inks.

Violet 28 APR 1970 18 MAY 1973 NC
Reddish 9 OCT 1974

Noted on surface mail covers from Mandeville to Great Britain, Bahamas, the Caymans, and the Caicos Islands.

AIRMAIL TYPES

Jamaica Post Office regulations require all AIRMAIL items to be fully PREPAID, failing which they are not acceptable for transmission by air. In actual practice, however, UNDERPAID AIRMAIL correspondence is usually dispatched by air accompanied by a TAX MARKING.

In some cases, air items short the required postal charges are returned to the sender for the UNDERPAYMENT to be affixed before they are allowed to go forward. Other SHORT PAID matter, including SURFACE MAIL posted in error in airmail envelopes, and SECOND CLASS AIRMAIL posted with the flap sealed contrary to regulations, are transmitted via surface mail instead of by air, and usually without benefit of tax markings.

It should be noted that only those items bearing at least one marking with the word AIRMAIL in the legend are included in this AIRMAIL SECTION. All other items without such identification, and which may possibly have been transmitted by air, are listed in the previous SURFACE MAIL section.

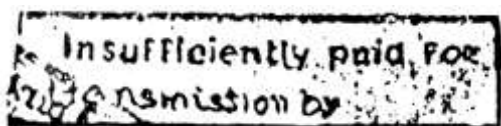
All AIRMAIL MARKINGS are applied at the Kingston GPO. Details will be found in the following listings through Type DA 11.

TYPE "DA 1".

The earliest airmail marking recorded is struck on a King George V ½ d. green post card (Type P.C.30) despatched from Kingston to Avon Park, Florida, USA, on 26 APR 1934. Neither the post card nor the marking is in very good condition - in fact, the last two words of the legend are scarcely legible, but they are undoubtedly "Air Mail". The particulars follow:

A double straight-line marking with legend:

Insufficiently paid for
transmission by Air Mail



enclosed within a single frame line rectangle measuring 68 mm by 16 mm. The lettering is 3 to 2 mm upper and lower case in violet ink. Only one example is known.

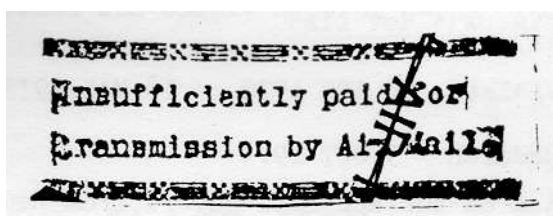
Violet ink 26 APR 1934 U.

TYPE "DA 2".

Another rubber handstamp of 62 mm by 20 mm overall measurements, with the same legend

Insufficiently paid for / transmission by Air Mail

also in two straight horizontal lines in 3 to 2 mm upper and lower case letters, between a fancy border comprised of four very fine lines broken every 5 mm with an "X" composed of five dots. The ends of the handstamp are open.



Violet ink. 15 JUL 1948 23 OCT 1960 R.

Known used to Great Britain, USA, and South Africa, and in all cases the items went forward via surface mail minus tax marks.



An intended air mail cover, Kingston to Tennessee, USA, on 23 OCT 1960, franked with a pair of King George VI 1½ d. brown definitives tied with Kingston B1 Birmingham. Postage underpaid - Airmail letter rate 1/ and surface mail 5d. per ounce. "VIA AIR MAIL" deleted and Type DA2 mark applied. Cover despatched via surface mail. No other markings.

AIR MAIL RECTANGULAR FRAMED TAX MARKINGS

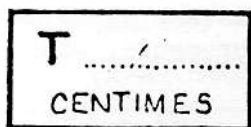
These were a new form of GOLD CENTIMES handstamp applied at the Kingston GPO, in the same manner as the Duplex markings. They allowed for the insertion of the postage due in manuscript, thus eliminating the need for a different handstamp for each "AMOUNT DUE".

TYPE "DA 3".

A single line rectangle measuring 32 mm by 15 mm with legend enclosed.

T

CENTIMES



The sans-serif capital letter "T" is 4½ mm in height, followed by a row of 18 dots, providing for the insertion of a manuscript AMOUNT DUE, usually found in red or blue crayon. The word "CENTIMES" is in 2¾ mm sans-serif caps. Violet ink.

Seven manuscript values are known in multiples of 7, from "7" to "84", also the odd apparent incorrect value.

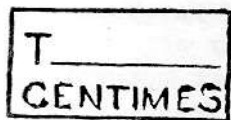
Violet ink 14 APR 1950 5 DEC 1963 S.

Usually found in air mail service, but also known used via surface mail.



Domestic airmail cover, Madras to Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, 21 OCT 1953, franked with pair of Queen Elizabeth Coronation 2d. and King George VI 3d. definitives, tied with Madras Birmingham B4. Postage underpaid (regular airmail rate was 1/6 per half ounce), and Type DA3 - 77 centimes applied. The "77" is in blue crayon.

TYPE "DA 3a".



Similar format as Type D3A with rectangular frame measuring 29 mm by 14 mm. Comprised of a sans serif 4½ mm capital letter T, followed by a continuous line for the insertion of a manuscript AMOUNT DUE. Word CENTIMES is in 3 mm sans-serif caps. Four manuscript values are known, all in air mail service. Violet ink.

Violet ink 27 JUN 1964 20 NOV 1965 S.

AIR MAIL "RETURNED FOR ADDITIONAL POSTAGE" MARKINGS

With the increase in air mail traffic, it can readily be understood that a corresponding increase would be encountered in shortpaid air mail matter. As a result, another "lozenge" type marking emerged at the Kingston GPO and, strange to say, the type selected was very similar to a surface mail mark, Type "D 3b", discarded some fifty years previously.

TYPE "DA 4".

A double straight line rubber handstamp with legend:

RETURNED FOR

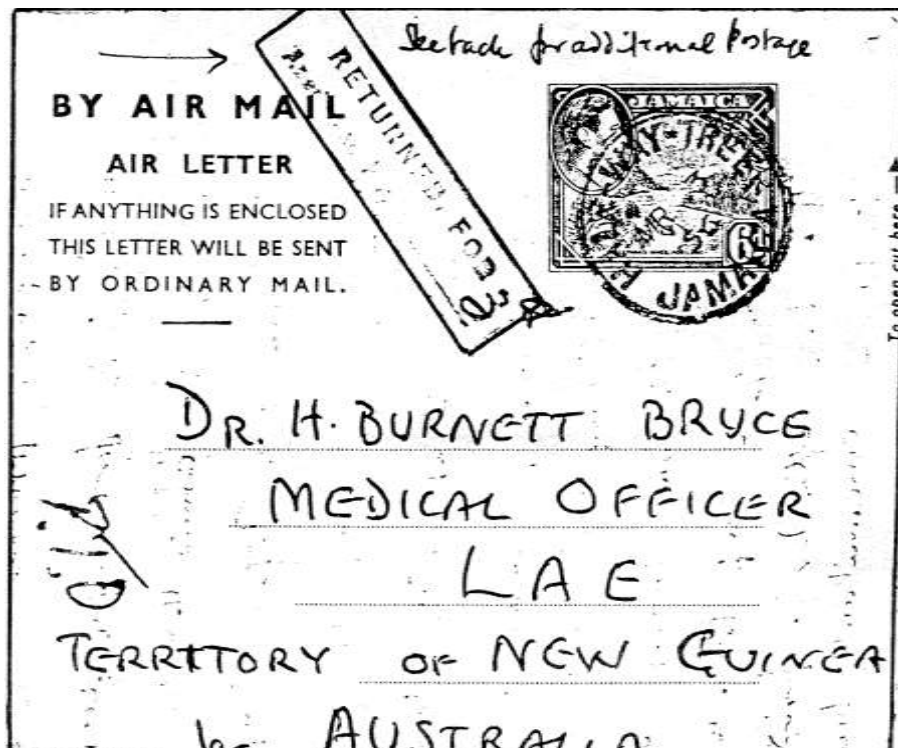
Additional Postage _____



enclosed within a single rectangular frame measuring 50 mm by 12 mm. Serif lettering with the top line in 2½ mm caps, and the lower line 3 to 2 mm upper and lower case, with a blank space after "Postage", also a 12½ mm straight line base for the insertion of a manuscript AMOUNT DUE. Normally used on International Air Letters, but also known in surface mail service. Violet ink.

Air Letters Violet 28 FEB 1949 11 DEC 1957 R

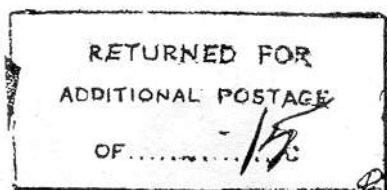
Surface Mail Violet 7 NOV 1952 VR



King George VI Priestmans River Air Letter (Type SAL5), from Half-Way-Tree to New Guinea, 25 MAR 1956, tied with Half-Way-Tree Double Ring. Regular air letter rate 9d. or 3d. shortpaid, and Mark DA4 applied at Kingston GPO. Air letter returned to sender for 3d. amount due. Necessary postage affixed to reverse as indicated in manuscript on obverse.

Type DA4A

Added subsequently from BCPSPG J128-152



A triple straight line handstamp enclosed within a single line rectangular frame measuring 50 by 23 mm. Sans-serif lettering with the top line in 2¼ mm caps, and the lower two lines in 1¾ mm caps. A dotted line appears after OF for the insertion of the amount due.

Violet ink EDK 27 OCT 1982.

TYPE "DA 5".

Returned for additional postage of 5 d.
Air Mail must be fully prepaid.
Weight of letter 2 ounces 5 d. for each
 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.

An unframed four straight line handstamp with legend:

Returned for additional postage of d.
Air Mail must be fully prepaid.
Weight of letter ounces s d. for each
 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.

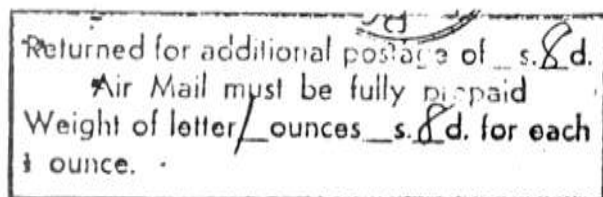
in 3 to 2 mm upper and lower case lettering. Overall measurements approximately 72 mm by 17 mm. Violet ink.

Violet 12 JUN 1953 11 OCT 1954



Unsealed Second Class air mail cover, Kingston to London, 12 JUN 1953, franked with a pair of 2d. King George VI definitives tied with Kingston "Summer Vacationland" slogan. Regular airmail letter rate to Great Britain was 1/6 per half-ounce, and unsealed Second Class apparently 9d. instead of the manuscript 8d. indicated on the cover. Letter returned to sender for outstanding postage of 5d. before allowed to go forward to destination.

TYPE "DA 5a".



A rectangular single frame line marking with same legend as Type DA5.

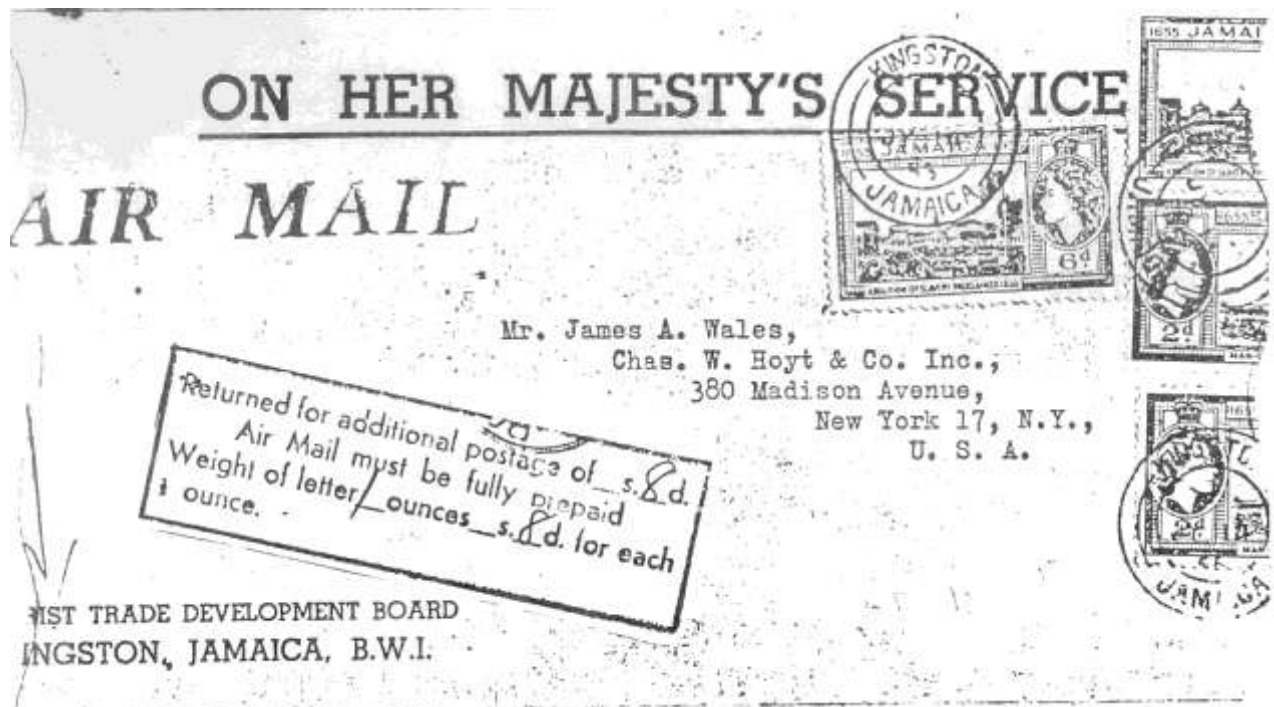
"Returned for additional postage of d.

Air Mail must be fully prepaid.

Weight of letter-ounces-s.-d. for each
 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce."

The rectangle measures 79 mm by 25 mm and the lettering is 3 to 2 mm upper and lower case. Violet ink.

Violet ink 13 JUL 1955 29 SEP 1955 VR.



An OHMS cover, Kingston to New York, 13 JUL 1955, franked with one each 2d. and 6d. Tercentenary Issue, tied with Kingston B3 Birmingham mark. Letter weighed 1 ounce, and as air mail rate to United States was 8d. per half-ounce, letter was returned to sender for 8d. additional postage and Mark DA5a was applied. Additional postage with same 2d. and 6d. Tercentenary stamps affixed, and cover went forward on 14 JUL 1955.

AIR MAIL "RETURNED FOR POSTAGE" HANDSTAMPS

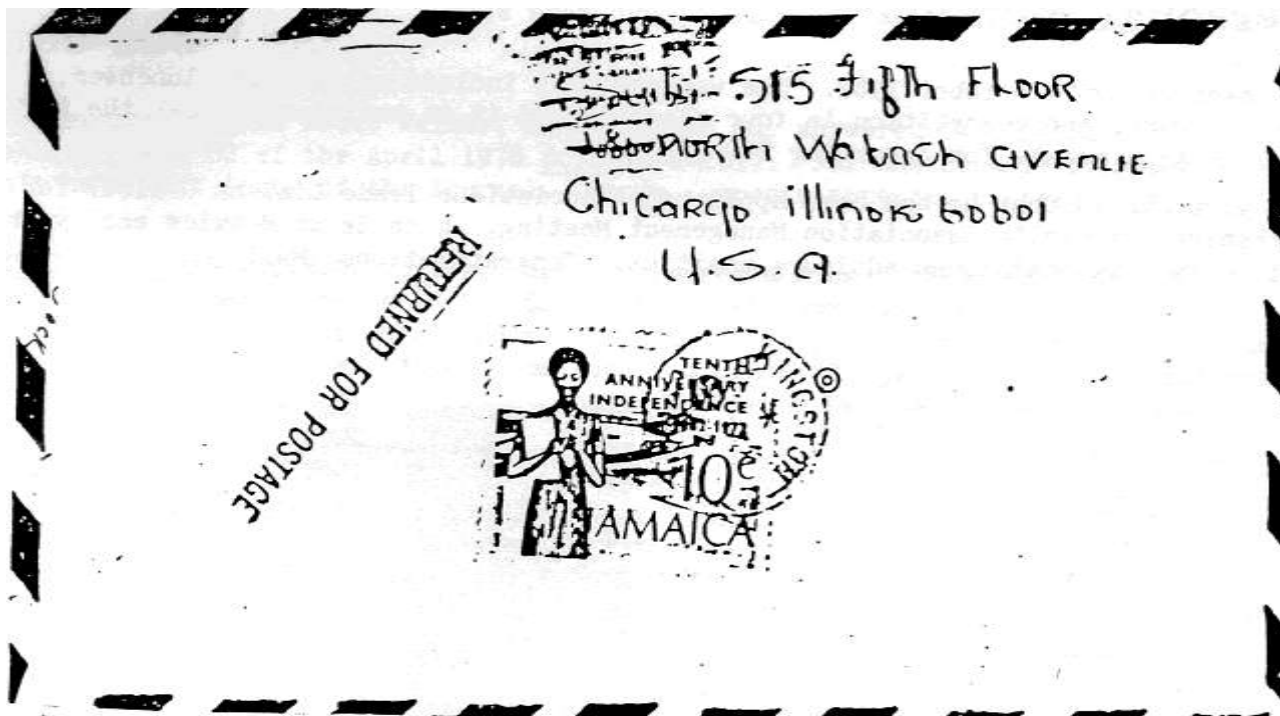
TYPE "DA 6".

An unframed straight line rubber handstamp with legend:

RETURNED FOR POSTAGE

RETURNED FOR POSTAGE
measuring 4 mm by 47 mm in sans-serif caps.
Violet ink. Only one copy as yet reported.

Violet ink ? AUG 1972 VR.



Domestic airmail cover, Kingston to Chicago, apparently posted without postage and returned to sender. Marking DA6 applied. Subsequently returned with Jamaica Airways 10¢ issue affixed (regular airmail rate to United States was 10¢ per half-ounce, coincident with Independence Issue of September 1969). Kingston MSR applied and cover was despatched via air mail on ? AUG 1972.

SECOND CLASS AIR MAIL MARKINGS.

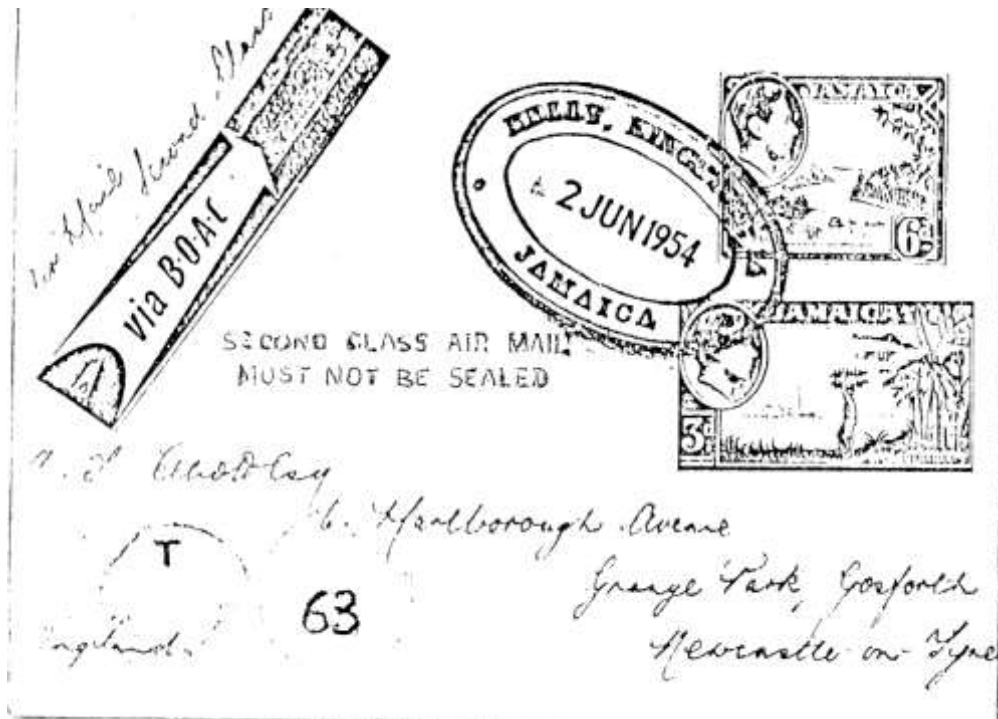
TYPE "DA 7

SECOND CLASS AIR MAIL
MUST NOT BE SEALED

An unframed two-straight-line marking with legend
SECOND CLASS AIR MAIL
MUST NOT BE SEALED

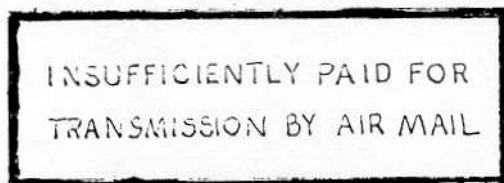
in 2½ mm sans-serif capital letters. Violet ink.

Violet ink 2 JUN 1954 VR.



A sealed Second Class air mail cover, Kelly, Kingston, to Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, 2 JUN 1954, franked with one each 3d. and 6d. King George VI definitives (regular second class unsealed rate to Great Britain was 9d.), tied with Kelly, Kingston TRD 37. GPO regulations required second class mail to be unsealed, and therefore letter was despatched via regular air mail at a rate of 1/6 per half-ounce. Markings D9e and DA7 were added to cover the short postage.

"INSUFFICIENTLY PAID FOR/TRANSMISSION BY AIR MAIL" MARKINGS TYPE "DA 8".



A two straight line framed marking with legend:

INSUFFICIENTLY PAID FOR
TRANSMISSION BY AIR MAIL

enclosed within a thick single line rectangle measuring 65 mm by 23 mm. Sans serif 3 mm capital letters; violet ink. Two dies noted.

Violet 20 OCT 1953 29 SEP 1955 UN
Known struck on sealed prepaid Second Class letters to Great Britain, whereas GPO regulations requires all second class mail to be unsealed. None of the examples known bear TAX markings and nothing to indicate how they were despatched.



Sealed Second Class air mail cover, Walkerswood, Jamaica, to Newcastle-on-Tyne, England on 5 NOV 1953. Franked with single King George VI 4d. definitive and pair of Queen Elizabeth Coronation stamps. Tied with Walkerswood double ring cancel. Marking DA8 struck on reverse at Kingston GPO. No other marks, and nothing to indicate how despatched. Regular air mail rate to Great Britain was 1/6 per half-ounce; second class unsealed rate 8d. per half-ounce.

TYPE "DA 8a".



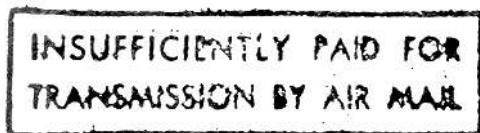
A similar framed two straight horizontal line handstamp with same legend and format as DA8. 3 mm sans-serif lettering:

INSUFFICIENTLY PAID FOR
TRANSMISSION BY AIR MAIL

enclosed within a single frame 65 mm by 18½ mm rectangle. Known used with Types D9e and D13.

Violet ink 28 DEC 1956 11 MAR 1957 UN3

TYPE "DA 8b".



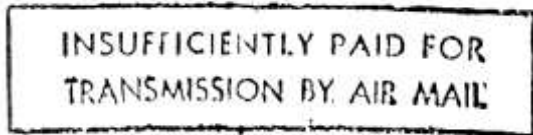
Another framed two-straight-line handstamp with the same legend and format, with 3 mm sans serif capital lettering:

INSUFFICIENTLY PAID FOR
TRANSMISSION BY AIR MAIL

Enclosed within a single frame line rectangle of approximately 62 mm by 16 mm. In use for several years and noted with slightly larger dimensions due to "spread". More than one die known, with minor differences. Violet ink. Known used in conjunction with duplex marks D9e and D9g.

Violet ink. 18 AUG 1953 16 in 1964 VC.

TYPE "DA 8c". -



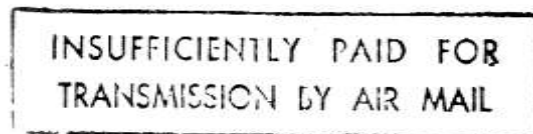
A similar single framed two straight line rubber handstamp with the same legend and format as DA 8b, also with 3 mm sans serif capital letters:

INSUFFICIENTLY PAID FOR
TRANSMISSION BY AIR MAIL

Enclosed in rectangle measuring 70 mm by 16½ mm, with all words single spaced, allowing for margin of 7 mm from vertical frame lines. Violet ink.

Violet ink. 10 NOV 1964 28 SEP 1965 C.

TYPE "DA 8d".



Similar to Type DA5b; a rubber handstamp with same legend and format:

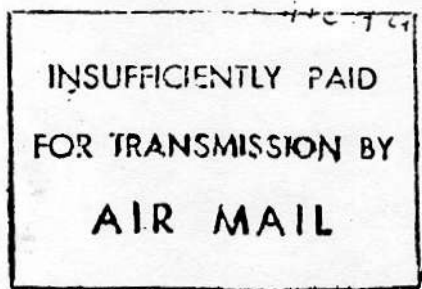
INSUFFICIENTLY PAID FOR
TRANSMISSION BY AIR MAIL

Enclosed in single frame rectangle with similar dimensions of 70 mm by 16½ mm. Sans serif 3 1/4 mm capital lettering, with words double spaced and only 5 mm from vertical frame lines. Violet ink.

Violet ink. 28 DEC 1967 12 APR 1972 C.

Noted used in conjunction with Types D9g, D13, and D14a.

TYPE "DA 9".



Another rectangular rubber handstamp with the same legend in three straight lines:

INSUFFICIENTLY PAID
FOR TRANSMISSION BY
AIR MAIL

Single line rectangle measuring 54 by 37 mm, with the top two lines of legend in 3 mm sans serif capitals and the bottom line in 4 mm double spaced sans serif caps. Violet ink. Noted used in conjunction with Type D11 to both the United States and Canada.

Violet ink_ 20 FEB 197 8 JAN 1975 UN.



Domestic air mail cover from Shortwood, Jamaica, to Chicago, Illinois, posted May 9, 1973 and franked with 5¢ Oil Refinery definitive tied with Shortwood MSR cancel. Air mail rate to U.S.A. 10¢ per half-ounce and 2nd Class 5¢ when unsealed. As this cover was sealed, Markings Types D11 and DA9 were applied and the cover was dispatched via surface mail.

AIR MAIL "INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID" MARKINGS. TYPE "DA 10".

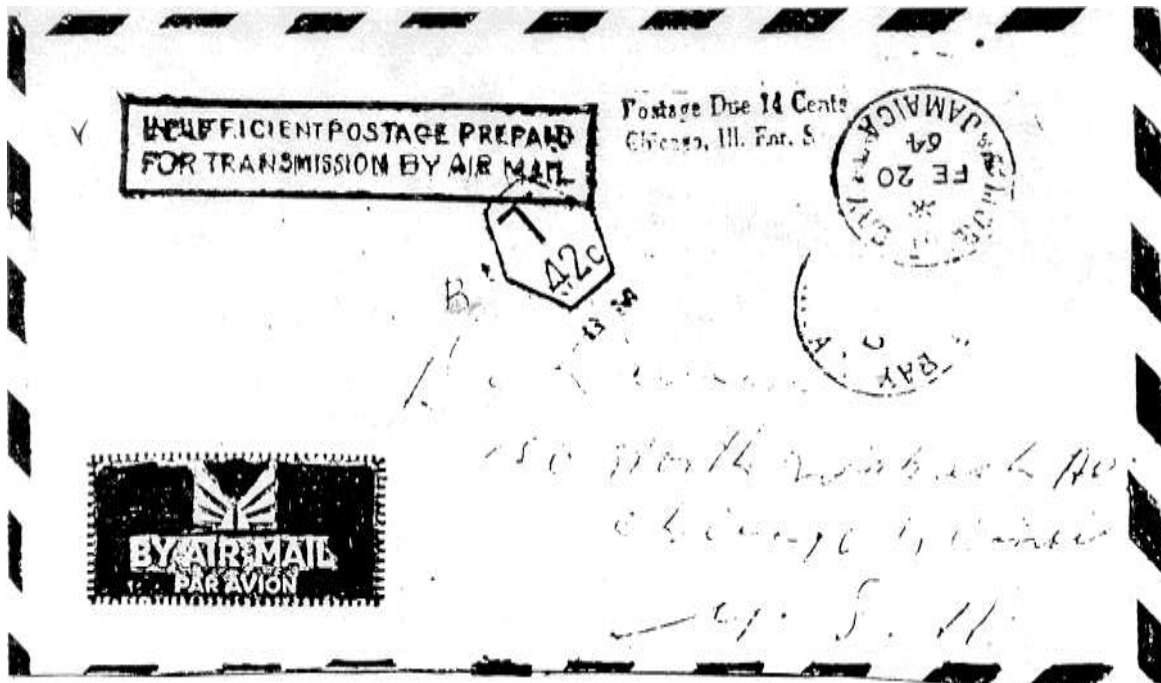


A framed two straight line rubber handstamp with legend:

INSUFFICIENT POSTAGE PREPAID
FOR TRANSMISSION BY AIR MAIL

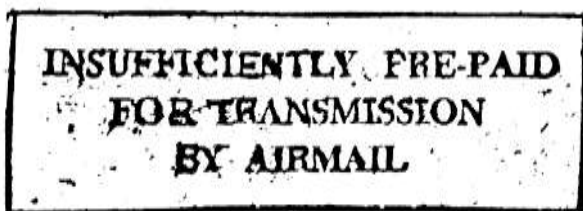
enclosed within a single frame line rectangle measuring 63 x 12½ mm. Sans serif 2½ mm caps. Violet ink. Only the one example yet recorded.

Violet ink 20 FEB 1964 U.



Air mail cover deposited in post without postage; Morant Bay, Jamaica, to Chicago, U.S.A. February 20, 1964. Absence of postage noted upon arrival at Kingston. Marking Type DA 10 applied and despatched to destination without benefit of Tax Markings. U.S.A tax mark (hexagonal) T/42 was apparently added at New York and "Postage Due 14 Cents/Chicago, Ill" added upon arrival at destination.

TYPE "DA 11".

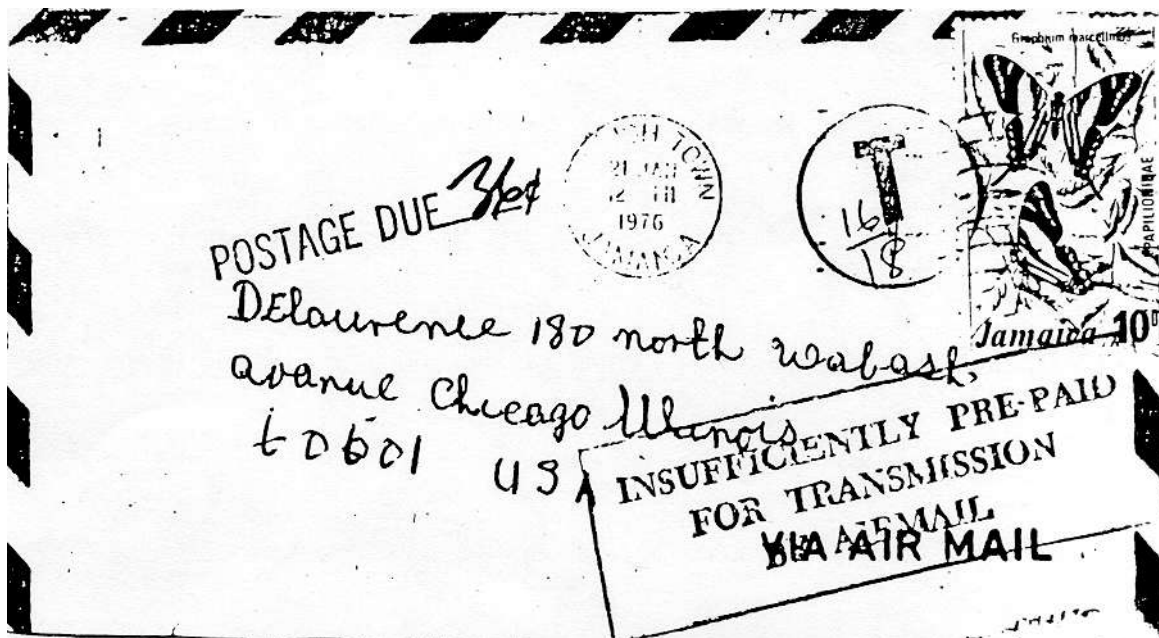


Another rectangular rubber handstamp with legend enclosed, reading:

INSUFFICIENTLY PRE-PAID
FOR TRANSMISSION
BY AIRMAIL

in three straight lines in 3½ mm serif caps. The single frame line rectangle measures 75 by 25 mm. Violet ink; known used to the U.S.A. in conjunction with Type D12b.

Violet ink 31 JAN 1976 14 DEC 1978
UN.



Domestic air mail cover from Spanish Town to Chicago, U.S.A., franked with 10¢ Butterfly Issue, tied with Spanish Town MSR of January 21, 1976. Air mail letter rate to U.S.A. increased from 10¢ to 20¢ per half-ounce, and aerogramme rate to 18c on 1 May 1975. Type D12b mark applied at Kingston with aerogramme rate as basis; U.S.A. tax mark "POSTAGE DUE 36¢" apparently added at New York.

MISCELLANEOUS UNPAID AND TAX MARKINGS

Mention was made on page 9 of the February 1980 Journal of the informative notations in the memoirs of the late Mr. Astley Clerk and of the importance now attached to such data. Further examples of this able critic's memos will be found below and under Type DM1a following. Apparently in those days bureaucracy was, as now, immovable even when obviously wrong.

(Ed: The noted BCPJ erroneously spelled Mr. Clerk's name

"UNPAID OR LETTER DUE NOTICE" FORMS

TYPE "DM 1".

A green paper form measuring 137 by 95 mm, used at the Kingston GPO to indicate the amount due on an underpaid letter. In three straight lines, with the top two lines in 1½ mm to 2½ mm upper and lower case seriffed letters, and the bottom line in 2½mm seriffed capital letters. The form, only one of which is known, was placed in the subscriber's post office box for payment.

Green coloured form 15 JUN 1910 U.

The form is a rectangular piece of paper with a wavy bottom edge. On the left side, there is a circular postmark. To the right of the postmark, the text "Unpaid for" is printed, followed by the handwritten name "L Winkler & Co.,". Below this, there is a line for "Amount" and a line for "s. d.". The number "3" is written below the "d." line. In the bottom left corner, the text "G. P. O." is printed.

The Jamaica Post Office elected not to use Postage Due adhesives, a policy of which Mr. Clerk apparently did not approve. On one of the original forms submitted to him for his inspection, he wrote "But would a regular 'due' stamp not be cheaper than as above?"

TYPE "DM 1a".

A form somewhat similar to Type DM1, portraying the amount due on an underpaid letter. A pink coloured form measuring 97 mm by 150 mm, used at the Kingston GPO. The lettering, in four straight lines, is in 2 mm to 3 mm upper and lower case seriffed letters. As in Type DM1, only one example is known. Placed in subscriber's post office box for payment.

Pink coloured form 13 JAN 1918 U.

*Type
In other words of a Postage Due stamp,
but surely a regular stamp would be as
cheap if not cheaper.*


Another pithy comment by Mr Clerk (in his own handwriting): "An other (sic) type of a Postage Due stamp but surely a regular stamp would be as cheap if not cheaper."

"UNPAID" POST CARD ADVICE.

TYPE "DM 2".

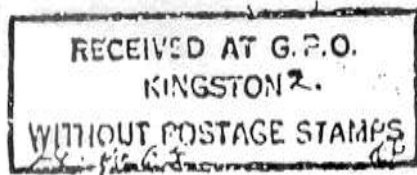
A buff colored "ON JAMAICA GOVERNMENT SERVICE" post card measuring 125 mm by 95 mm, mailed to persons who have dispatched mail via the Kingston G.P.O. with postage underpaid.

Buff colored post card Circa 1965

<p>ON JAMAICA GOVERNMENT SERVICE</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"><div style="text-align: center;"><p>THE HEAD POSTMASTER,</p><p>CIRCULATION BRANCH,</p><p>(Surcharge Duty)</p><p>GENERAL POST OFFICE,</p><p>KINGSTON.</p></div><div style="text-align: center;"></div></div>		
<p>.....19.....</p>		
<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>You recently posted an air mail letter towhich was prepaid</p> <p>..... The correct postage was.....</p> <p>If we had sent the letter on underpaid your correspondent would have had to pay on delivery a surcharge of at least twice the deficiency. We were sure you would not have liked that to happen, so we made up the postage to the correct amount and sent on your letter fully stamped.</p> <p>You now owe us..... I should be grateful if you would stick postage stamps for this amount in the space below and post this card back to me.</p>		
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"><tr><td style="padding: 5px;">Please write today's date in ink across the stamps</td></tr></table>	Please write today's date in ink across the stamps	<p style="text-align: right;">Yours faithfully,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">.....</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Head Postmaster, Kingston</p>
Please write today's date in ink across the stamps		

MISCELLANEOUS "UNPAID" MARKINGS.

TYPE "DM 3".



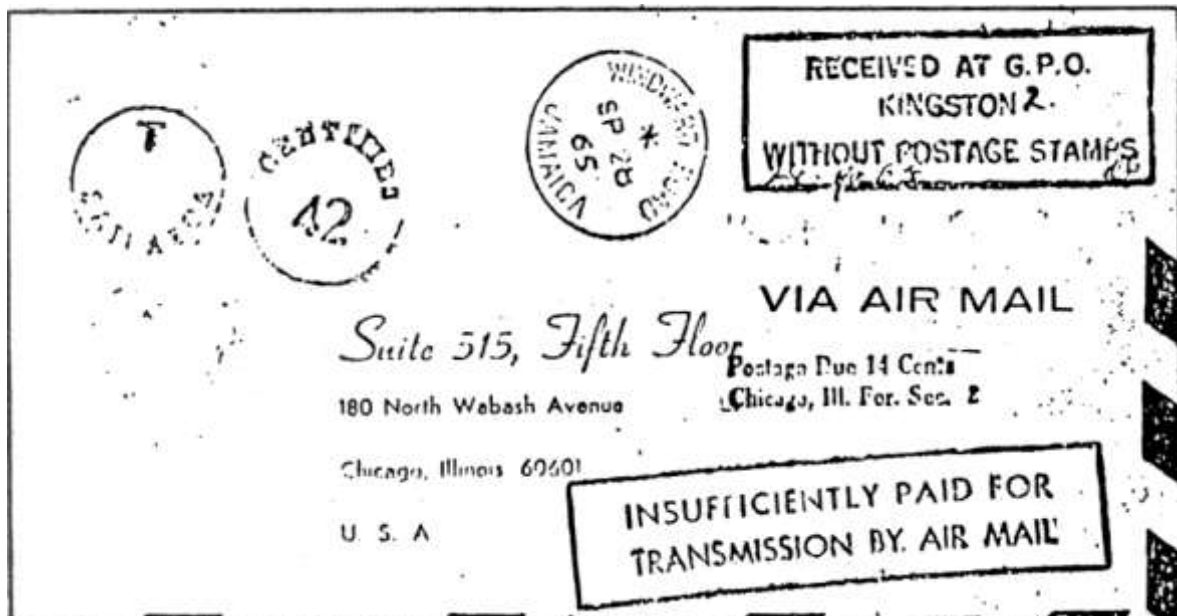
A rectangular single frame handstamp measuring 55 mm by 20 mm, with legend in three straight lines:

RECEIVED AT G.P.O.
KINGSTON 2,
WITHOUT POSTAGE STAMPS

Sans serif 3 mm capital letters, violet ink.

28 SEP 1965 R.

Known used in conjunction with marks Types D9e and DA8b.



Airmail cover from Windward Road to Chicago, September 28, 1965, received at Kingston G.P.O. without postage stamps. Markings D9e, DA8c, and DM3 applied. Reverse also bears Windward Road cancel.

Courtesy strikes, apparently provided by the Kingston G.P.O., are known of two miscellaneous markings, issued for use when the postal adhesives have become dislodged or removed. Neither has as yet been recorded in actual service.

TYPE "DM 4".

STAMP REMOVED BEFORE RECEIPT
AT THE G.P.O. JAMAICA.

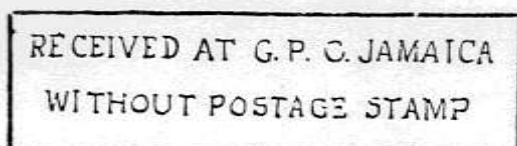
An unframed two-straight-line handstamp with an overall measurement of 70 mm by 10 mm. Sans-serif capital letters 3 mm high.

STAMP REMOVED BEFORE RECEIPT
AT THE G.P.O. JAMAICA.

Includes period after JAMAICA.

Colour? Circa 1948 or earlier?

TYPE "DM 4a".



A single frame rectangular handstamp measuring 68 mm by 18 mm with two straight-line legend

RECEIVED AT G.P.O. JAMAICA
WITHOUT POSTAGE STAMP

Lettering in 2½ mm serif capitals.

Colour? Circa 1948 or earlier?